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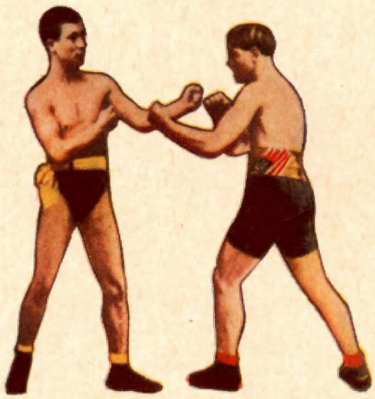

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Marciano *Says:*

"I Could Return . . . But—"

Ex-Heavyweight Champ Not to Fight Again—Gives Views on Floyd Patterson.

By DAN M. DANIEL

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.;—Rocky Marciano, retired undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, announced that he had a complaint against the sports writing gentry of the country.

"Take a good look at me," Rocky said. "Do I look as fat as a porker and completely out of shape? That's what they have been saying about me.

"I am down to 215 pounds. I used to start training for a fight at 212. I could begin training right now.

"I could, but I won't. I have no yen to return to the ring. I am doing fine now. I am well paid for refereeing, for making appearances, for talking at dinners and the like. And I can thumb my nose at Charley Goldman. Not that I want to. Charley is of the salt of the earth, the greatest in his line.

"I have another beef, and it is against the rules of boxing. I am conducting a one man campaign to force the announcement of the rulings of the referee and the judges after every round. The advantages of this are so numerous and convincing that I don't understand why Julius Helfand, of New York, for one, won't adopt the scheme.

"Suppose the umpire in a ball game kept his mouth shut and his hands at his sides while a batter took his turn. Then, the umpire hollered 'You're out'? Or, 'Take your base.'

"Would the fans stand for that? Would the players accept it? Wouldn't the writers outlaw it as contrary to the spirit of baseball? Then why keep a boxer in the dark for ten or fifteen rounds? Why keep the spectators in the dark? I am convinced that if we had announcements after every round we would see better, more careful, officiating, too.

"In my own ring experience, I missed round by round verdicts in my first fight with Joe Walcott, and my first one with Roland La Starza. Goldman kept telling me, 'You are trailing.' I thought I was ahead. If it's close, you always figure you are in front."

The matter of Marciano's retirement came up. Rocky broached it.

"Ever since I left the ring, there have been stories as to why, with only 49 fights, at so early an age, I had retired," Marciano said.

"Let us take the reported reasons one by one. First,

'severe pains in the head.' I read that I had been going to a New York specialist for two years with unbearable agony in the noggin.

"This is plain bunk. I have had one headache in three years and that was with an attack of the flu.

"Reason No. 2. I read that I had been forced to retire because of a slipped disc in my spine. That the disc slipped is true. That the trouble was serious enough to have forced me to retire is not true.

"I got hurt fooling around with that big medicine ball. All I would have to do, if I went back to fighting, would be to bar that piece of training equipment from my camp. I golf, and play handball, without being hampered by the disc."

"Now, Reason No. 3. I was forced into retiring by my mom and my wife Barbara. They never got mixed up in this angle of my career. Doubtless they wanted me to quit. But they never came to me and said, 'Look, Rocky, the time has come to give up fighting.' I made the decision all by myself," the old champ continued.

"Another writer said I had retired, only temporarily, in order to get rid of Al Weill. Well, Weill still is my manager, and will remain my manager until July. Then the original contract expires.

"There is another contract which is subject to review by lawyers. I signed it for five years, while the old contract still was in force. This second pact has run three years, with two to go.

"I hold that this second contract was binding only while I was fighting, and that after July Weill will be entitled, for two years more, to an agent's ten percent and not to the manager's cut.

"No, Weill did not have a thing to do with my retiring.

"Some writers announced that I had begun to slip, some said I had lost interest, some wrote that training was too tough for me. And so it went, and who actually did hit the ball on the head. Nobody."

"Why did I quit? Primarily because I could not fit comfortably into a schedule of two fights a year. I thrived on action. But with only two a year, I invariably made a bad showing in the first one.

"You remember my battle with Don Cockell, in San Francisco? It was awful. I had trained harder for that contest than for any other. I had boxed 240 rounds and had worked for three months. I was in great shape. But as a fight, it was no fun for me.

"I was the big favorite, he was supposed to be a bum. I let him stay around much too long.

"Then I began to worry about losing my stuff. Training became routine, a tough chore. I found myself telling Goldman, 'Let's cut down to a couple of rounds today.'

"I had been eager. I had been learning. Suddenly the eagerness was gone and the zest for learning went with it.

"Maybe it was because there were no more tough ones around."

Marciano became thoughtful, very serious. "After the Cockell mess I began to talk with old fighters. They told me they had retired two fights after they should have quit, and I made up my mind not to let those two happen to me.

"My determination, my desire to fight, returned strong for the bout with Archie Moore. He had been running a campaign, popping off, and getting me sore. I wanted to whip him badly, quickly.

"I was good for that fight. The experts say it was my best. I liked my work that night. But in my own little book, my six round knockout of Rex Layne, on my way to the title, was my best.

"Not once that night did Goldman have to coach me. I did everything right, by instinct. Charley kept saying, 'Good. Keep it up. You are hurting him.'"

The writer has had the impression that one of the reasons for Marciano's retirement was his feeling that no matter how well he did, the experts never gave him the credit. When he stopped Cockell, the reporters played up "the game Englishman." When Rocky knocked out Moore, it was the same old story. "Game Moore."

"After the Moore fight, in my dressing room, the experts showered me with questions," Marciano continued.

"Nobody asked me about the fight, about my technique, about whether I had succeeded in sticking to my plan. They merely wanted to know, 'Rocky, are you really quitting the ring?'

"I was good against Moore, even outboxed him in some rounds. I had to get low to hurt him, and I forced him to fight my type of fight. But how many writers said that? It was the old story. 'Marciano can't be good. He's just an awkward champion.'

"My fight with Moore restored my confidence in myself. I knew then that I was not slipping. I wanted to tell the fans that I was retiring, but Weill said, 'Hold off. We can go on making dough with you as champion, and we don't have to fight.'

"I did not like this. I went to South America to think it over, and came home with the fixed idea of quitting the ring.

"While I was fighting Moore, I noticed certain things about him and I said to myself. 'The next time out this guy could fold up. This may be his quietus.' I was right."

"WHO COULD BEAT NEW CHAMPION?" MARCIANO ASKS.

Then we talked about Floyd Patterson, the new champion.

"A nice kid," Rocky said. "Humble, quiet, well behaved. I had to do all the talking in a 20 minute meeting with him.

"Who is there now to beat Patterson? Not Hurricane Jackson. Not Machen, just yet. Not Carter, a fine prospect, but gone into the Army.

"Patterson was quick against Moore. He crouched, he threw uppercuts, he had high skill. I don't like straight, standup fighters.

"Patterson will find, as I did, that two fiights a year is tough. He will find that fighting for a living as a champion is tough.

"I was training for Moore, when Tommy Loughran visited my camp. He said to me, 'Rocky, you work too furiously, you batter your sparring partners. Let up.'

"I said, 'Tommy, I can't change. I have to train that way because I don't get to fight often enough.

"The greatest experience of my career came when I knocked out four men inside one month. That's how I like to fight. That was in 1950. I belted Phil Muscato, then Joe Dominick, then a third guy, and finally stopped Carmine Vingo.

FOUR MONTHS' WAIT FOR LA STARZA DULLED HIM

"I then sat around without a fight for four months before tackling La Starza. I was bad. I had become stable worn."

"Let me say, in closing our little talk, that I won't return, I don't have to return, I don't want to return," Marciano concluded.

"If I ran into financial difficulties, and had to return for the money, the public would put up with me.

"If I came back merely to make dough when I did not have to make any more out of fighting, the fans would not respect me.

"I want boxing to remember me as I was the night of my knockout over Moore, the undefeated champion of the world."

Then Marciano hastened back to Barbara and the four year old Mary Ann.

"Look, no cauliflower," he roared as he stepped on the gas.

FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

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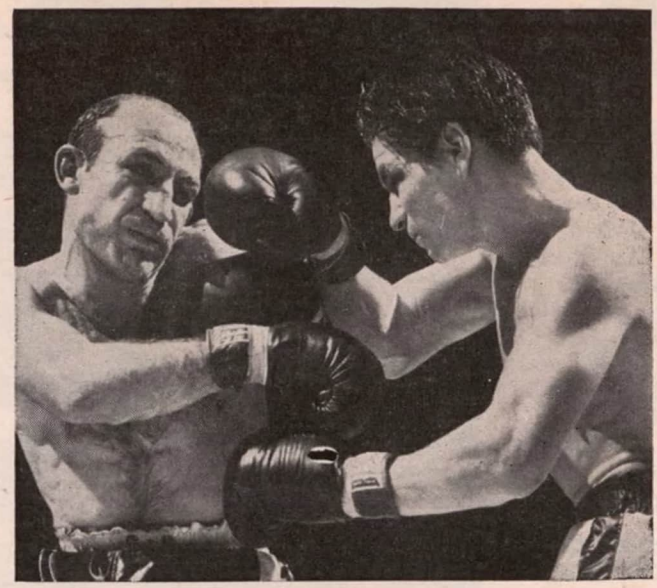
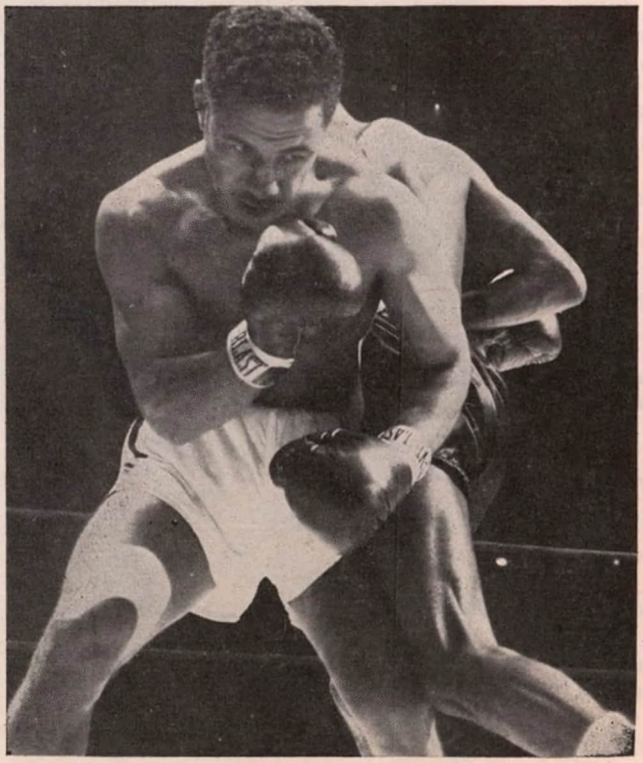


Paolo Rosi (left), Italian lightweight, chased Johnny Gonsalves, high-ranking Californian, through ten rounds at Madison Square Garden to earn a split decision. Here Rosi blocks one of the few punches thrown by Gonsalves.

THE CON-VINCE-R

Vince Martinez (right), Paterson, N. J., welterweight, threw some convincers such as that hard right at Kid Gavilan, former world champion, in their bout at Newark. The fight, which grossed over $35,000, was won by Martinez.

A GOOD HIDING



Walter Byars, Roxbury, Mass., welterweight, gave Garnett (Sugar) Hart a good hiding as he won a unanimous decision over the prohibitive favorite at Madison Square Garden. Here Byars is ready to thresh away as Hart seems to have gone into hiding.

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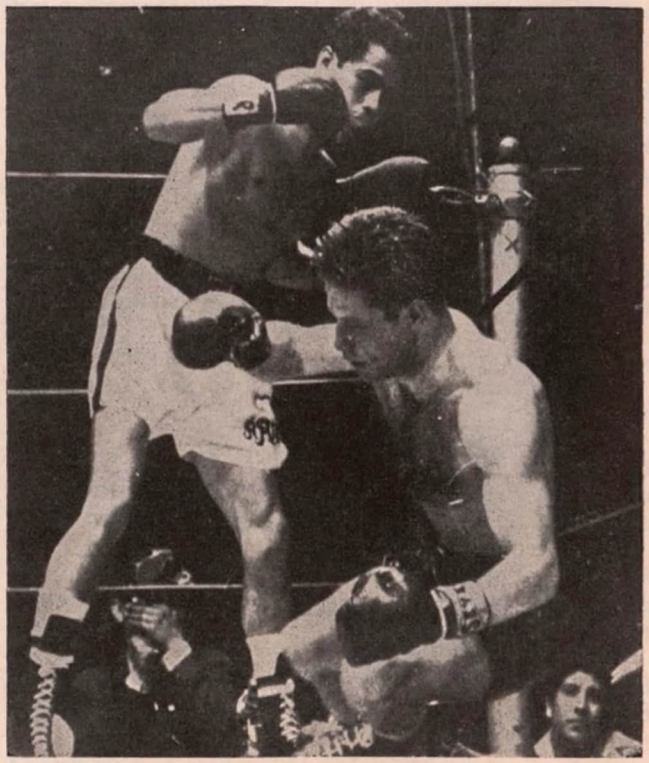

Raton Macias (left), N. B. A. bantamweight champion, has just dropped Juan Cardenas of Spain for the ninth and last time, the Spaniard on this occasion taking the count. The sensational victory enhanced Macias' bid for a world title match with Mario D'Agata.

A ROYAL FLUSH

World middleweight champion Gene Fullmer (right) has just landed a right flush on the jaw of Ernie Durando during non-title bout at Denver. Fullmer won unanimous decision.

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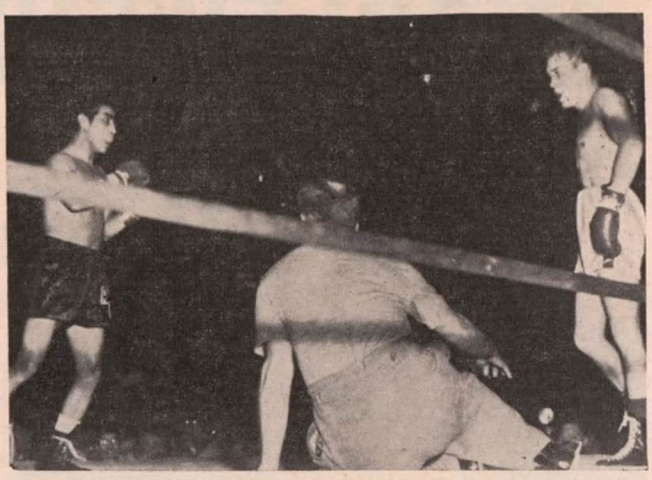

Referee Frankie Van in an unguarded moment was dropped by a wild left thrown by Ricardo Moreno (left), Mexican featherweight, during bout with Tommy Bain at Hollywood. Moreno stopped Bain in three.

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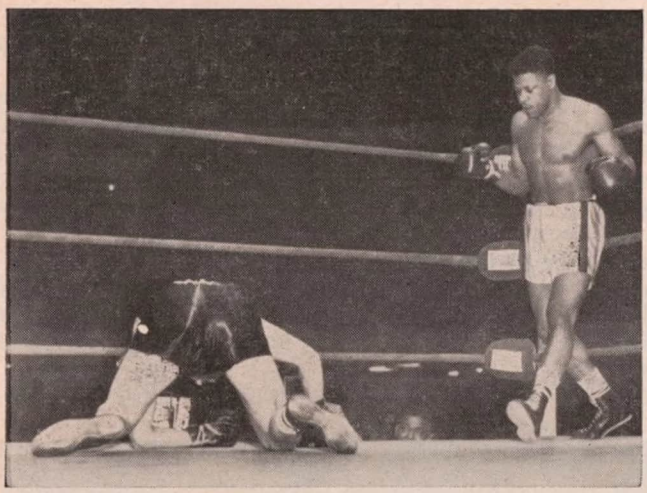

Things are looking up for Spider Webb who won his nineteenth straight in decisioning tough young Wilf Greaves in middleweight battle at Chicago. In the second round Greaves slipped to the canvas.

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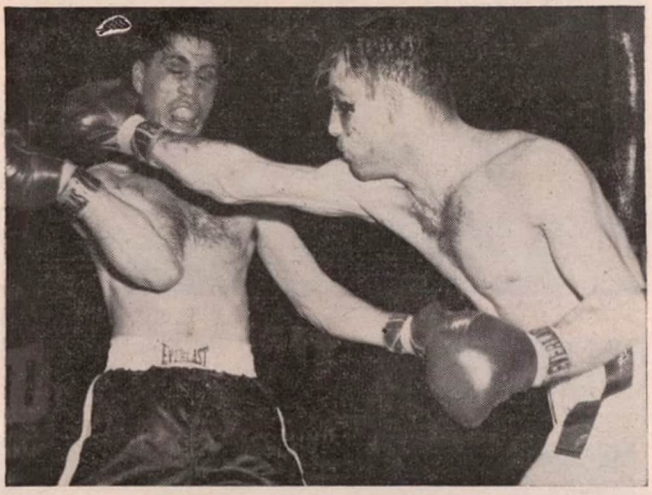

Tony DiBiase (right), the new Astoria Assassin, gave Danny Giovanelli a thorough going over in winning a unanimous ten round decision at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. Tony has just slammed home a hard right.

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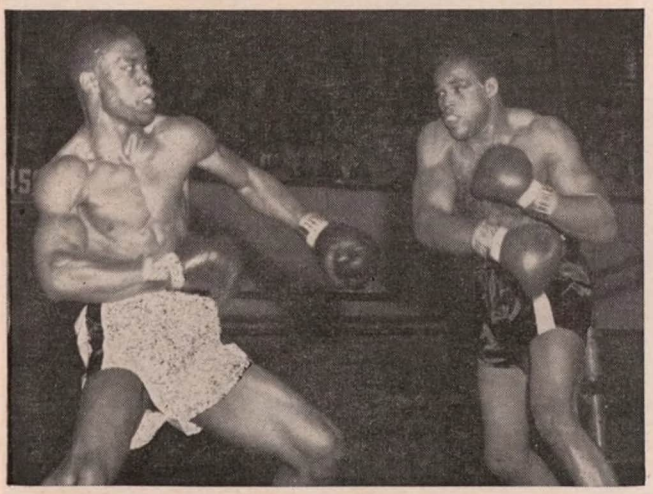

Gil Turner, veteran Philadelphia welter, readies to put the finishing touches to a four round knockout victory over Rudy Gwin, Cleveland, at St. Nick's. Turner outclassed his opponent.

ACROSS THE COUNTER

Bob Satterfield (right) has just missed with a right cross as bleeding Harold Johnson sets to counter in Miami Beach bout. Johnson, inactive for a long while, won the heavyweight ten from rated Satterfield.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS CAUGHT

"In The Webb"

by
MURRAY ROSE

ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB is a versatile boxer-puncher from Chicago via Tulsa and Los Angeles who has earned a high ranking among the middleweights in comparatively short time and believes he has the stuff to go right to the top of the 160-pound division. He is confident he can beat the field of a talent-laden class and confidence is a fine, healthy mental approach for any would-be champion.

But this is no popoff, wise guy fighter. The 25-year-old two-time college champion and member of the 1952 Olympic team has a strong respect for his prospective opponents from champion Gene Fullmer down through the list of ranking fighters ahead of him and closely behind him.

"If they're rated by Ring Magazine, they must be good," said the solidly built army veteran, "otherwise they wouldn't be there. You have to have something to move in the middleweights. There's a lot of good fighters in the division.

"I've seen the ones ranked ahead of me in action and I feel I'm ready to go all the way now."

For a fellow who turned pro 3½ years ago but who actually has had less than two years fighting experience in an army-interrupted career, the 5-9½ college clouter has moved up fast. At the end of 1956 he had compiled a fancy 19-1 record, including 12 knockouts, and was ranked fifth in his division. Ahead of him were only Gene Fullmer, ex-champion Sugar Ray Robinson, Charley Humez, the European kingpin from France and Ralph (Tiger) Jones, the aggressive, crowd-pleaser from Yonkers, N. Y.

How did he think he'd do against them?

"Like I said, I think I can beat them all," replied the Spider slowly as he deliberated over every word. "Now Fullmer is strong and a much more improved fighter than when I saw him the first time. That was when he lost to Bobby Boyd. In beating Robinson

Spider Webb (right) was an outstanding amateur who gained many titles. Here he stops Pete Potter at Pocatello (Ida.) for 1953 NCAA light middleweight title and seems in a hurry to go on to his next championship.

I'm sure he used the rabbit punch. That's not good. As a physical education major I know how badly such a punch can injure a person. There's no bone back there behind the neck and the punch can do a lot of damage. He should be prevented from using the illegal blow.

"Fullmer is powerful and awkward. I'd have to be careful with him but I'm sure I can outbox him.

"Robinson would be a harder fight for me than Fullmer. He's awfully smart. I would have to be careful not to make any mistakes against him. If I was half as smart as he is, it wouldn't be any contest. As it is, I think my advantage in youth and the strength that goes with it would be the deciding factor. We both have almost similar styles—we both like to box, wait for an opening and then show our power.

"Humez and Jones I would place in the same category. They both want to go in and slug with you. I wouldn't fight them the way they want. I'd box and wait for the opening. I don't mean I'd run. I'd counter, move inside, and then get out of there. If a good opening came, I'd shoot with all I've got.

"There you have it," added the Spider with a smile. "Now all I've got to do is get in there with them and produce. I think I can and I hope I get the chance."

Webb describes himself as a boxer-puncher although his record shows a .600 knockout percentage for his first 20 fights.

"My best punch is my right," he said, "although my left hook is developing fast. I've got a real good left jab as a result of my college training. You know the jab can pile up a lot of points in amateur boxing."

The Spider said he posted a perfect record in four years of college competition—two with Compton Junior College in California and two with Idaho State.

"I won 71 fights—80 per cent of them by kayos. I won the NCAA junior titles in 1950 and 1951 and the NCAA light middleweight crowns in 1952 and 1953," he said.

He won three more bouts in the Olympic trials to earn a place on the great squad that won five gold medals at Helsinki. Ellsworth wasn't one of the winners. He had the misfortune to run up against the veteran Laszlo Papp of Hungary, the 1948 middleweight champion who went on to capture the light middleweight (155 pounds) crowns in 1952 and 1956 for an unprecedented triple sweep. Papp, a swashbuckling southpaw with an explosive wallop in either fist, knocked out Webb in the second round.

"I learned something that night—don't get over confident," said Webb ruefully. "I had him in trouble in the first round and when I went to my corner after the round I said to myself 'this guy is over-rated. I'll take him easy.' In the second round he nailed me—and good. It seemed like the roof caved in. When I came to the fight was over. I haven't taken an opponent lightly since then."

After the Olympics Webb returned to Idaho State and repeated as college champion in 1953. At this stage of his career, his college coach, Milton (Dubby) Holt (who became the 1956 U. S. Olympic team coach), told Webb that he had the makings of a topnotch pro. He suggested that if the Spider felt like cashing in he should talk to Hec Knowles, who had done so well with two other NCAA champions, Chuck Davey and Chuck Spieser.

Webb and Knowles saw eye to eye quickly. Hec put the Spider under the tutelege of Carl Nelson, an outstanding Chicago trainer. His pro education developed quickly.

On July 1, 1953, the Spider knocked out Jimmy Johnson in the second round of his pro debut. Twelve days later Webb kayoed Bob Carpenter, again in two rounds. Only nine days later, and the Spider faced Red Elby—and lost a controversial six round decision.

"It was a disputed decision and I was sure I won," said

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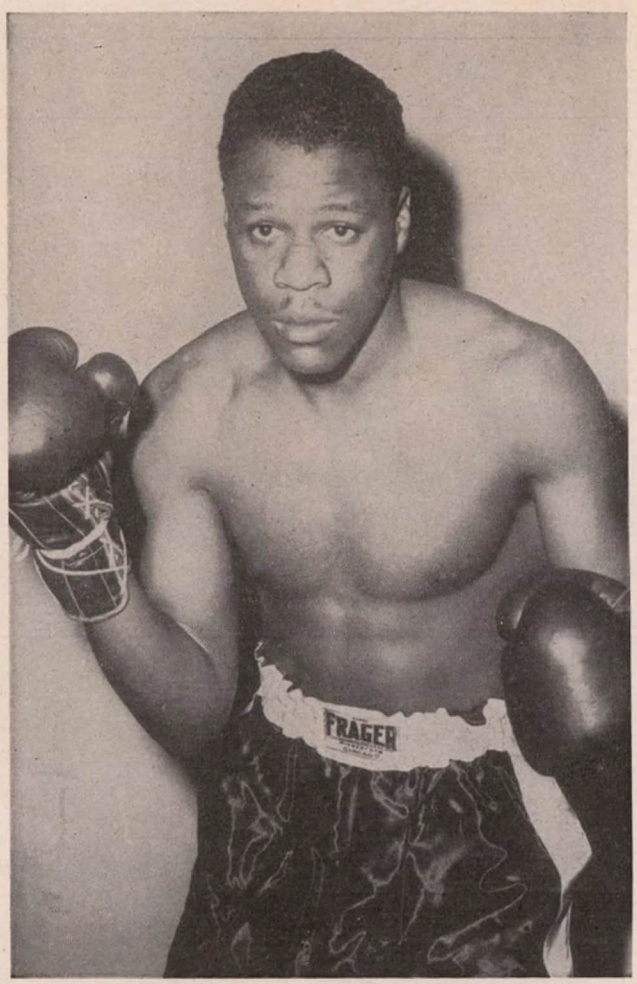
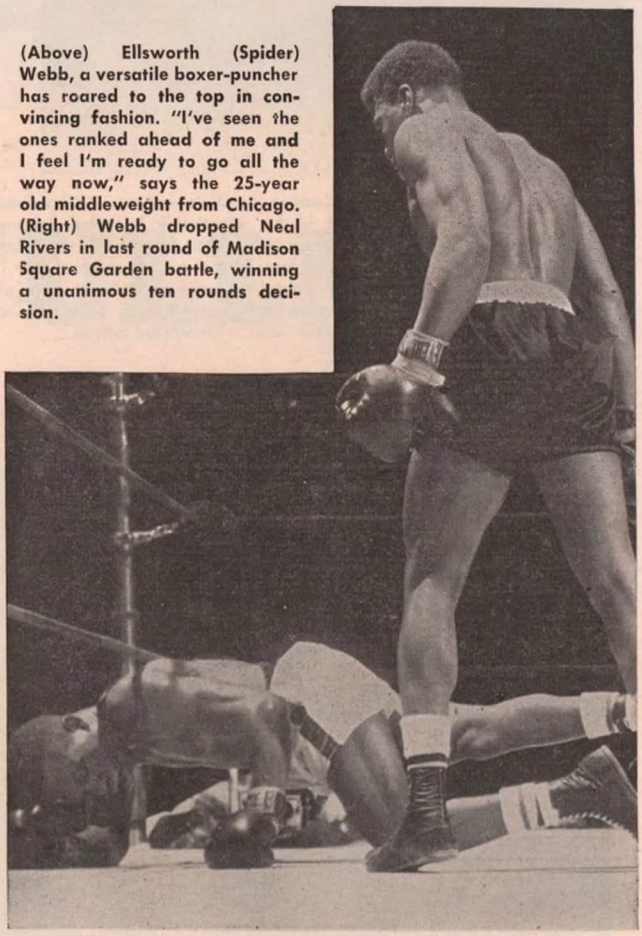
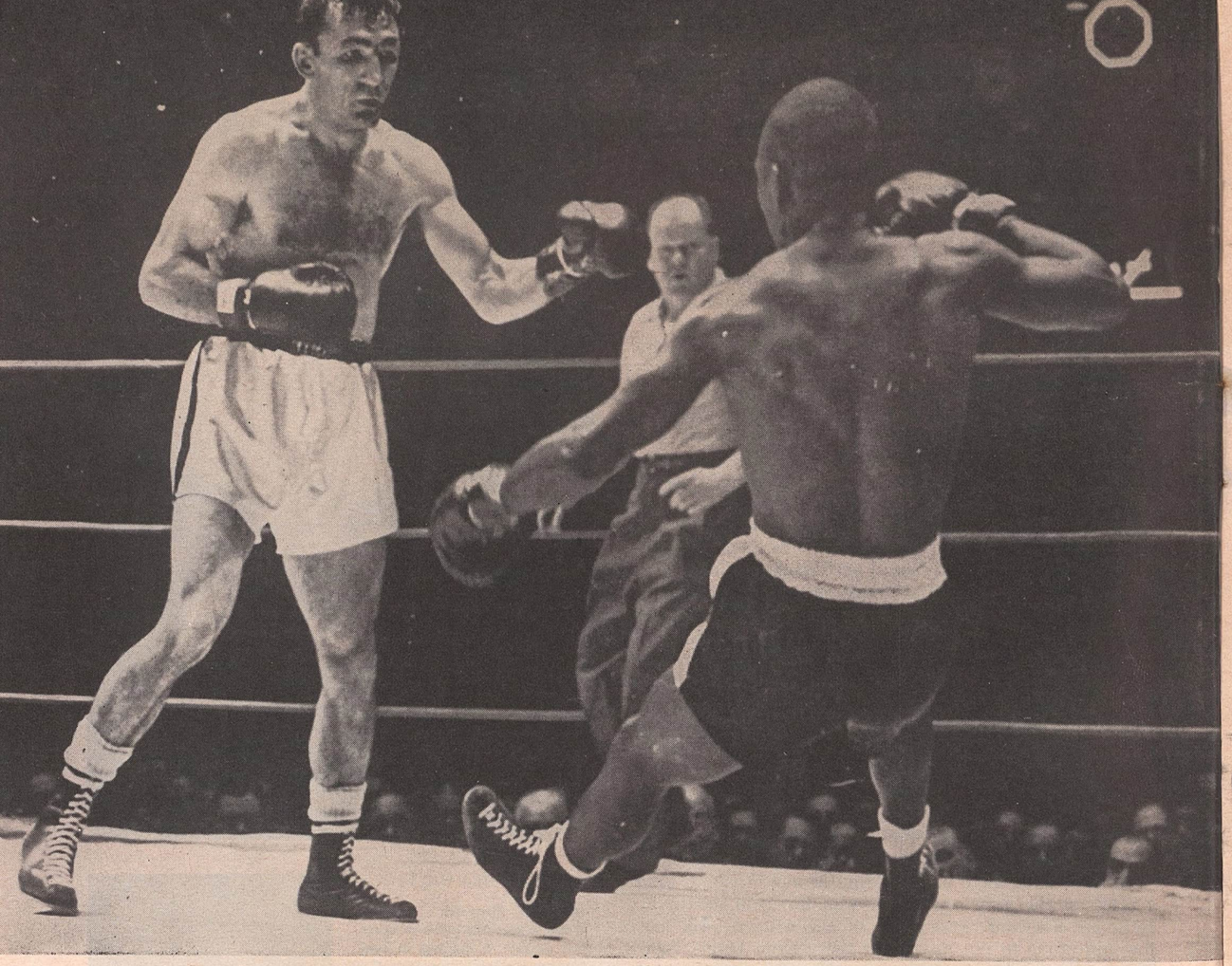
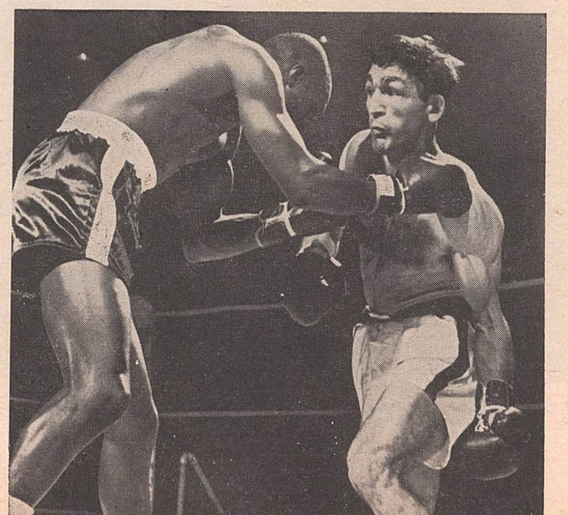




(Above) Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, a versatile boxer-puncher has roared to the top in convincing fashion. "I've seen the ones ranked ahead of me and I feel I'm ready to go all the way now," says the 25-year old middleweight from Chicago. (Right) Webb dropped Neal Rivers in last round of Madison Square Garden battle, winning a unanimous ten rounds decision.



(Above) Short and Sweet! Carmen Basilio's victory at Cleveland was quick and to the point as he relentlessly hounded Johnny Saxton through the first and second rounds, slamming the challenger to the canvas for good late in the second stanza.
(Below) Saxton's attempts to fight back or ward off the rain of blows were futile as Basilio put on a devastating performance, pounding away from all angles with a two-fisted attack.



BASILIO WANTS FULLMER

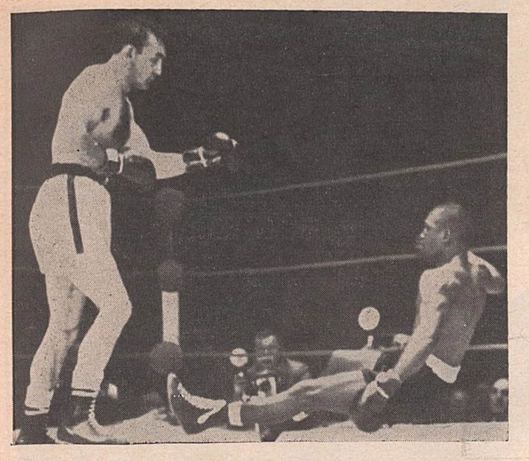
Assured of Crack at Crown, Carmen's Confidence Rises After Thrilling Knockout of Saxton

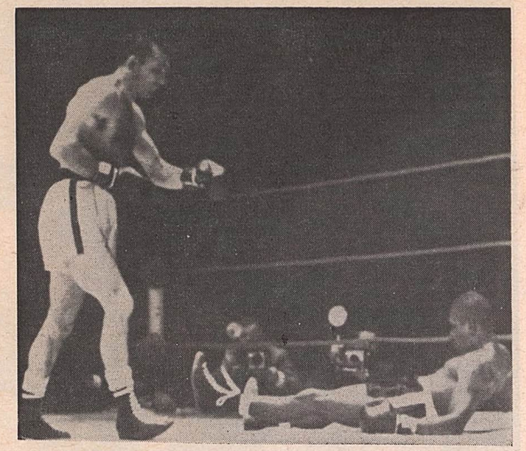
By NAT FLEISCHER

A THROWBACK to the days when champions were truly fighting men, Carmen Basilio, the former Canastota, N. Y. onion farmer, cut loose with a hot two-fisted attack that put an end to the aspirations of Johnny Saxton to regain the crown he had lost to Carmen. It didn't take long for Basilio to prove his right to the title which he figured he had unjustly been deprived of in his first engagement with Saxton in Chicago and which a few months later he rewon in their return bout in Syracuse.

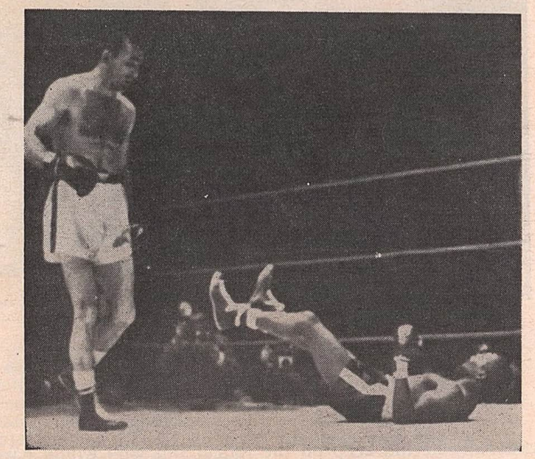
This time, before a gathering of 8,514 paid admissions that enabled promoters Al Nieman and Larry Atkins to gross $85,596 in the Cleveland Arena, Carmen disposed of his rival in 2:42 of the second round, a feat that brought rounds of applause and cheers from the satisfied spectators. Only once in the history of the division has a world welterweight championship match ended in quicker time, that in which Jimmy McLarnin knocked out Young Corbett III in Los Angeles on May 29, 1933, in a round. And only once before did a welterweight title match end in the second round, on July 25, 1929 when Jackie Fields was awarded the decision on a foul in his affair with Joe Dundee.

By his victory, Basilio pushed himself into a middleweight championship bout with the winner of the Ray Robinson-Gene Fullmer match. It is a contest he has been promised by James D. Norris, president of the International Boxing Club who originally had him booked for a bout with Ray Robinson in New York that didn't come off. Though there are others awaiting a chance for a shot at the middleweight crown, among them Charley Humez of France, Ralph Jones and Spider Webb, it is the big money bout in which the promoter and champions are most interested and from a financial point of view, the pairing of the champions, according to Promoter Norris and his chief of staff, Harry Markson, is the best bet. Basilio, bolstered by his thrilling triumph over Saxton, is confident he will annex the middleweight championship. An outdoor title match with Fullmer would draw big money.





Going, Going, Gone! The sequence from left to right and below shows what happened after Basilio connected with the left hook that ended the battle after 2:42 of the second. Saxton stretched out as if he was hit by a ball of lightning.



The quick triumph of Basilio has instilled new life into the boxing game. The sensational knockout, the colorful manner in which Carmen paved the way for the devastating punch that landed his opponent on the canvas for the fatal ten count and the fruitful publicity that followed in its wake, were the convincers in clinching a middleweight championship match for the crown wearer. The welter and middleweight contenders who were in for consideration prior to the Cleveland bout, will now have to wait according to Norris, regardless of any action on the part of the World Championship Commission, the N.B.A. or New York Commission in any stand it may take to have each title holder defend the crown in his own division.

Money talks and the big money for the summer, other than a title defense by Floyd Patterson, heavyweight king, is the contemplated match between Basilio and the Robinson-Fullmer winner, says Norris. It's in the bag for late July, following Patterson's first title defense and the scene of action will be the Yankee Stadium of New York.

Attendance and receipts are dependent on the power of the contestants to attract the most public attention and in Patterson and Basilio, boxing now has its two best magnets. The fans love a hard-hitting champion and they have one in Carmen who, in six welterweight championship appearances, has ended hostilities before the fifteenth round. The upper New York State champion is a reminder of Mickey Walker in the same division and Billy Petrolle, the powerfully hitting lightweight who wowed the fans every time he got into action.

MOST DECISIVE CONTEST

The rubber match between Carmen and Saxton was the most decisive. It was so clean cut, it left no further doubt as to the superior fighter. But decisive as it was, it cleared the stigma attached to Saxton as a runaway, counter-punching, long-range boxer who evaded his opponent, since Johnny took plenty of severe punishment without flinching. Though buffeted from one side of the arena to the other, Johnny jabbed, fought back when pinned against the ropes and took his chances against the gruelling, battering, vicious attack his opponent launched almost from the start. Oc-

The happy warrior, who will now go after bigger game and the middleweight title, did not forget to offer up a prayer of thanksgiving just after his hand was raised in victory. Second Angelo Dundee and co-managers John DeJohn and Joey Netro hover over him.

casionally he did keep on the retreat but who would have done otherwise under the conditions?

It required perfect physical condition for one to carry on as did Basilio from the opening gong. The pace he set was abnormal for a fifteen-round title bout. But as Carmen explained: "Im getting old. Nearing the 30-year mark, you know. And I couldn't take chances on travelling fifteen rounds chasing Saxton as I did in my other encounters with him. So this time I trained differently. I punched the heavy bag with the idea of seeing how long I could keep up a steady fire without tiring and I knew that I was not overstepping my limitations in this bout. Had I tired I would have paced myself as the bout progressed, but as things turned out, I didn't have to."

Not all of the many punches tossed at his opponent by Basilio landed. Many missed but those that did hit the mark, were so effective they rocked Johnny and on half a dozen occasions had him wobbly. Twice a left hook sank so deeply into the mid-section, the reflex action caused Saxton's left foot to leap upward but he quickly recovered his equilibrium only to absorb an additional amount of severe punishment.

That was the procedure carried out by Basilio throughout the five and a half minutes of fistic warfare.

The first minute of the opening round gave the fans an inkling of what to expect. It was obvious that if Carmen could continue to sink his blows with the effectiveness displayed before the opening round was half over, the fight wouldn't last long. We didn't think he could—but he did. With power, speed and accuracy he kept going to send a weary, woozy-looking Saxton to the corner as the bell put a temporary end to the vicious attack.

Like Gene Tunney who studied his faults, analyzed errors he had made and in subsequent contests avoided the pitfalls, so it is with Basilio. Discussing his rubber match, he remarked:

"A fighter must use his head as well as his fists. In my previous bouts with Saxton I learned that he liked to box at long range. The more room he had to move about and carry on his retreating maneuvers, combined with his long jabs, the better off he was. So for this bout I decided I would leave him little room. I would crowd him and it proved effective.

"I have always made it my business to note how effective my punching is by watching the eyes of my opponent. The first left hook with which I caught Johnny on the jaw, I noticed his face twitch, his eyes lost their steady look and I could see that his brain power was affected. It was then that I decided to pound away at his body."

Why at the body when one or two more shots to the jaw would make him helpless?, he was asked.

"Because a good fighter knows from experience that his opponent's chances for a comeback aren't too good if you can pound away at his mid-section but a good punch on the jaw often enables him to come out of the fog after he has been clouted hard with a head blow. Left hooks will soften him up for the knockout. That's why I worked below after

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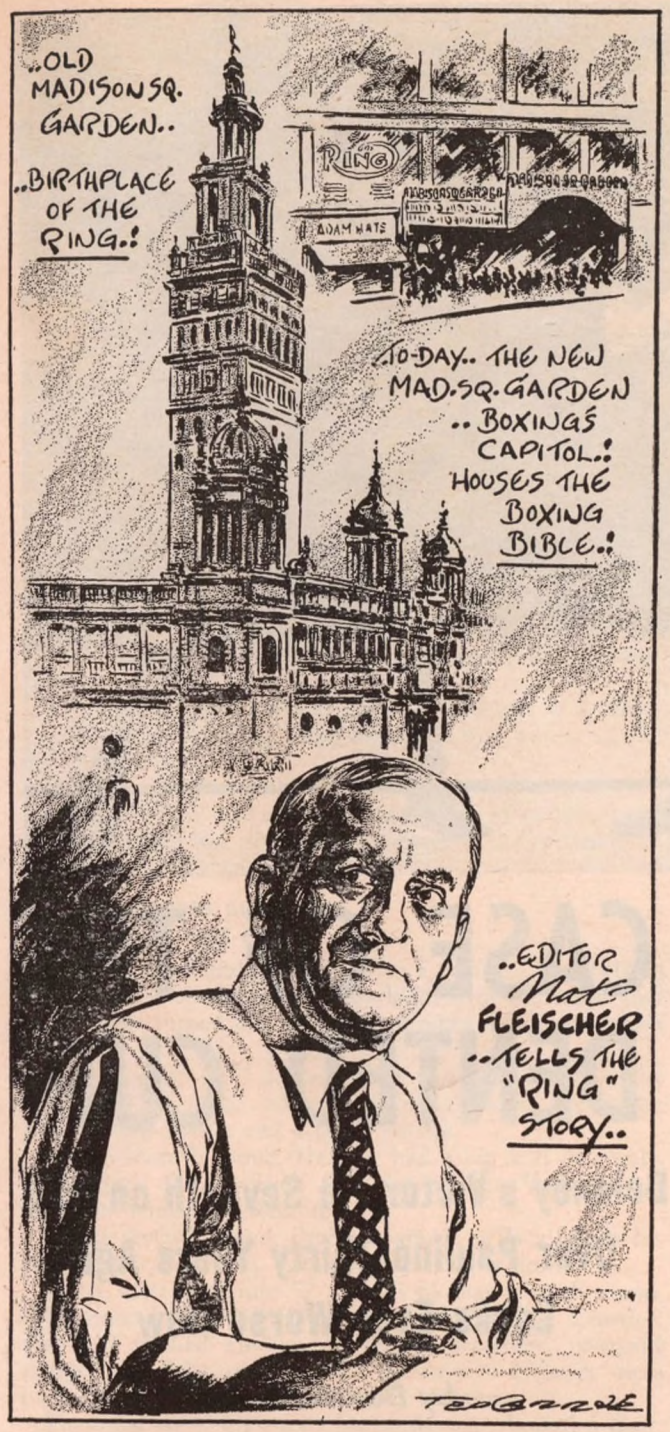

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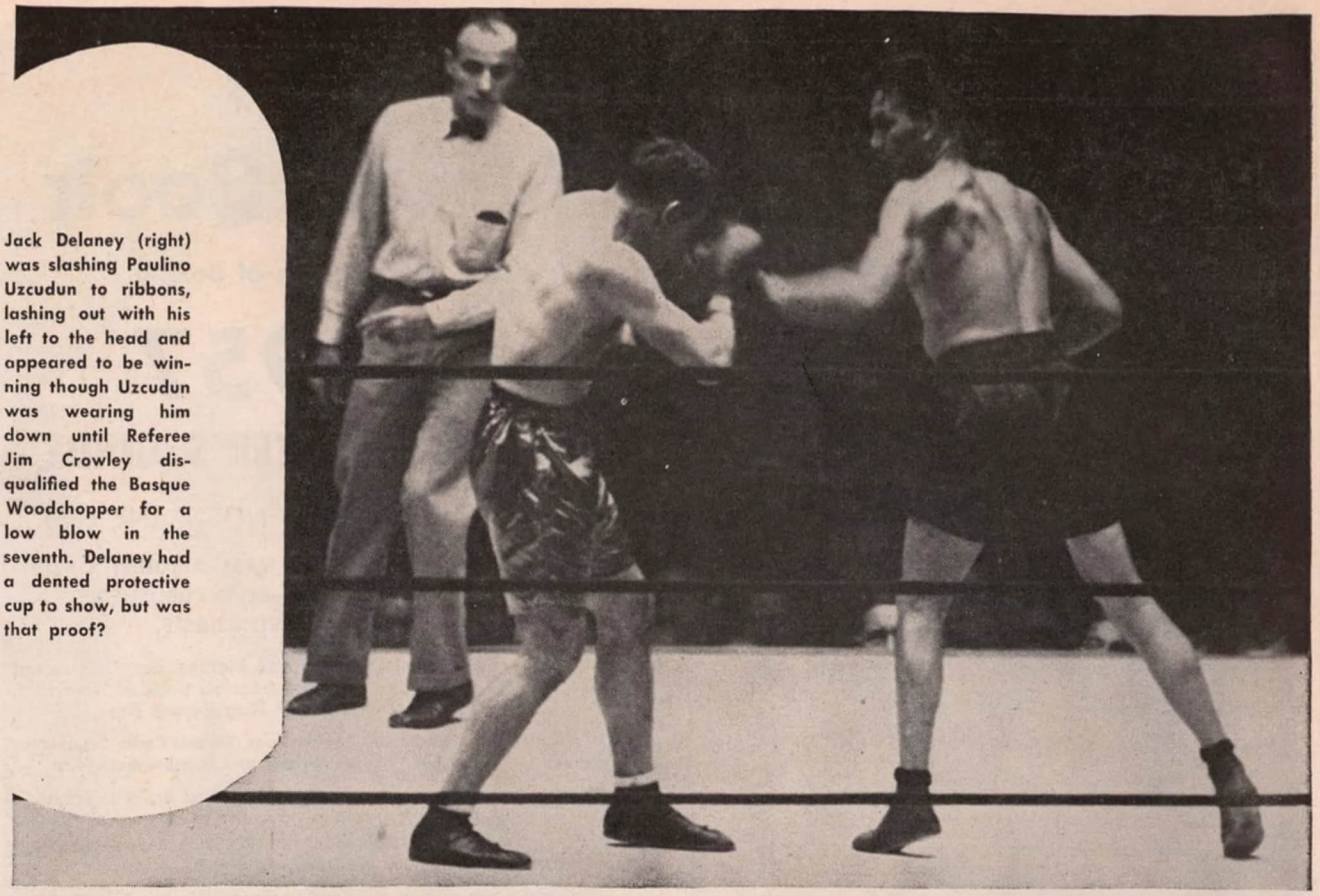
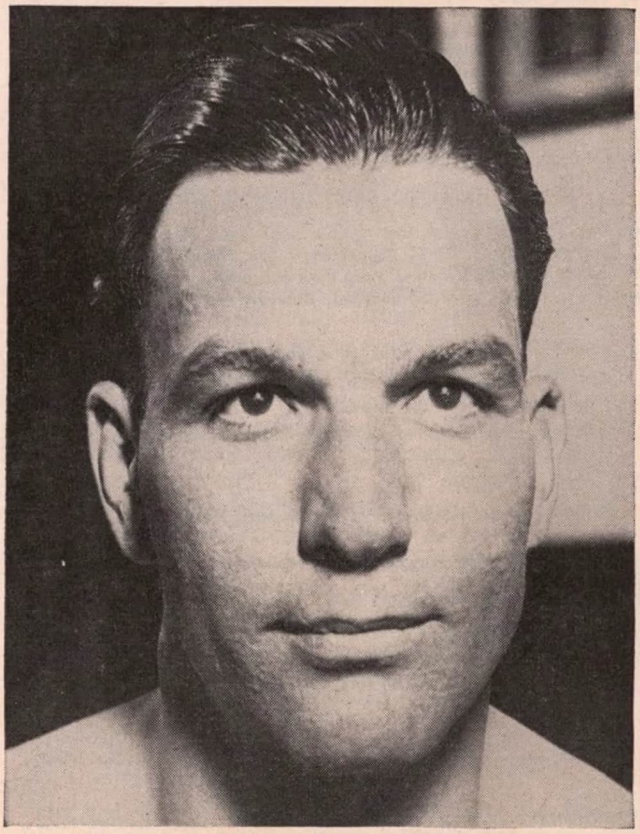


Jack Delaney (right) was slashing Paulino Uzcudun to ribbons, lashing out with his left to the head and appeared to be winning though Uzcudun was wearing him down until Referee Jim Crowley disqualified the Basque Woodchopper for a low blow in the seventh. Delaney had a dented protective cup to show, but was that proof?

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE DENTED CUP

Delaney's Victory in Seventh on Foul Over Paulino Thirty Years Ago Looks Even Worse Now

by Dan Daniel



Jack Delaney, a heavy light heavyweight, was a clever worker, a sharpshooter who knew how to gather points. Though he eliminated Uzcudun he did not get a shot at the heavyweight title and soon after faded.

THE Ring Magazine boxing detective now has before him, for closer scrutiny and review, the heavyweight fight in which, on August 11, 1927, in Yankee Stadium, Jack Delaney won on a foul from Paulino Uzcudun, the big Basque, in the seventh round.

At this distance of thirty years, I have no greater respect for that foul decision than I had at the time. It was a highly questionable verdict, and I will tell you why.

Only one month before Delaney got the disputed decision over Paulino, Jack Dempsey had stopped Jack Sharkey in their controversial fight in Yankee Stadium. That affair, too, will come up for analysis at a later date.

By getting Sharkey out of the way, Dempsey achieved the return bout with Gene Tunney, heavyweight champion, which was to result in another victory for the Marine, in Chicago. That fight, also, will be taken apart in this series.

Looking beyond the Tunney-Dempsey fixture, Tex Rickard sought an opponent for the winner, and decided

Pete Reilly (left), known as the Silver Fox, managed Delaney and was known as a cutie, resourceful and ready for all emergencies. It is possible that Reilly damaged the protective cup before the match began to be on the safe side.

to hold an elimination tournament, of which the Delaney-Paulino match was a part.

Tex figured that he would match the winner of Delaney and Paulino with Sharkey, and then send that winner against the champion.

Delaney was a clever worker. Clever, and with that, a hard hitter. Jack was a sharpshooter, a point gatherer, and he was rugged, too. But not as rugged as Senor Uzcudun, and that fact must be remembered.

CUP WAS DENTED BUT THAT HARDLY WAS PROOF

Delaney came into the ring a 7 to 5 favorite. The betting was terrific. Popular interest was high, with the result that 30,000 fans turned out that August night a full generation ago.

Jack weighed 177½ pounds while the Basque tipped the beam at 193½. The referee was Jim Crowley, the judges were Harold Barnes and George Patrick.

In the seventh round, Delaney had a big lead in points. Why, then, the suspicion that the ultimate decision was based on a misapprehension?

In the seventh round, Paulino's attack on Jack's body began to show its effects. Delaney was slowing down.

Then, after 1 minute 57 seconds of that seventh round, the Basque let loose a collection of body blows. Crowley, who had warned Paulino on several occasions, promptly stopped the fight and gave the decision to Delaney on a foul. "A low right," Crowley told the press.

Examination of Delaney's protective cup showed a dent. This method of corroborating a decision of foul, which was used so often thirty years ago, was thoroughly unreliable.

In fact, the discovery of a dent should have led to the suspicion that all was not well. Because it has been found that a cup cannot be dented by an ordinary punch. It would take a solid, deliberate effort to press the metal in.

Delaney's cup could have been furnished with the "evidence" before the fight. The dent proved nothing.

COULD CRAFTY PETE HAVE DAMAGED CUP?

Pete Reilly, who managed Delaney, was a cutie, resourceful and ready for all emergencies. He held up the cup to display before the press as evidence of a foul.

As he stood disqualified by Crowley, the Basque put on a gigantic beef. But he had comparatively few supporters. The customers had come to see Delaney win, and foul or no foul, Jack had won, and that was that.

Paul Uzcudun was a rugged fighter who knew little of the science of the game. He later got a shot at the title, losing to Primo Carnera in Rome.

As Delaney left the ring, he was cheered to the echo. Most of the onlookers were quite eager to back up Crowley and his verdict. The "low right" did not fell Jack, it did not hurt him visibly, and, at most, should have drawn a final warning. But the fight was over, and Paulino was out of Rickard's elimination tournament.

My friend the late Jimmy Dawson, of the New York Times, evidently did not altogether admire Crowley's summary action. He said so in the circumspect language demanded by his paper when he wrote in his lead, "Those who saw this bout, and felt the shock of its sudden ending will discuss it as they did the Dempsey-Sharkey battle of July 21 for many hours, and without reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

"Last night's struggle was almost an exact duplicate of the Dempsey-Sharkey battle. It differed not at all in the important details with the contest which ended with the former heavyweight champion's advance past the Boston contender, save that last night a disqualification was effected where the action warranted.

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS AS OF MARCH 19, 1957

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.
1—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
2—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
3—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
6—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
9—**INGEMAR JOHNANSSON,** Sweden
10—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
GENE FULLMER, West Jordan, Utah
1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
5—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
6—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.
8—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
9—**CHEBO HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
10—**NEAL RIVERS,** Las Vegas, Nevada

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.
1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
4—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
5—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
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BANTAMWEIGHTS

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World Champion
MARIO D'AGATA, Italy
1—**RAUL (RATON) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

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7—**RANDY TURPIN,** England
8—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
9—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
10—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.
1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
5—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
7—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
8—**CHARLEY (TOMBSTONE) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**WALTER BYARS,** Roxbury, Mass.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

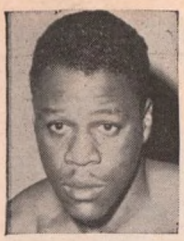
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
TITLE VACANT
1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
3—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
4—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
6—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
7—**GIL CADILLI,** San Francisco, Calif.
8—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
9—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
10—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina
1—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
2—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
3—**DOMMY URUSA,** Philippines
4—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
5—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
8—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
9—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France
10—**GERMAN PARDO,** Chile



ELLSWORTH "SPIDER" WEBB
Fighter of the Month

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Alonzo Johnson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Billy Ryan, Lowell, Mass.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Dick D'Orsi, Providence, R. I.
WELTERWEIGHT—Rudy Sawyer, New York, N. Y.
LIGHTWEIGHT—LEO AGBULOS, Stockton, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Gil Neal, Ireland.
BANTAMWEIGHT—Eloy Sanchez, Mexico
FLYWEIGHT—Saul Becerril, Mexico

WITH a lull in top matches during the past weeks, there was little to choose in the matter of an outstanding boxer for the period. With two sensational performances to his credit, however, triumphs over Neal Rivers and Wilf Greaves, Ellsworth (Spider) Webb loomed as the best, the "Fighter of the Month."

The activity of the leaders in every division was curtailed, with the result that only a few major changes took place. With the announcement of Archie Moore that, win or lose, he is retiring after his next title defense against the Chuck Spieser vs. Tony Anthony winner, and inactive since he lost to Floyd Patterson, Moore has been dropped another peg in the heavyweight ranks and is now fifth, exchanging places with Willie Pastrano, victor over John Holman. Nino Valdes of Cuba, who kayoed Joe Erskine in one round is back in tenth place, with Wayne Bethea removed.

The defeat of Satterfield by Harold Johnson, dropped Satterfield from sixth to seventh, replaced by his conqueror. Zora Folley went up to eighth, Johannsson of Sweden dropped to ninth due to inactivity and Nino Valdes of Cuba is tenth and Bob Baker has been dropped.

Moore, as light heavyweight champion, heads one of the poorest divisions in recent years. The only changes in that class saw German Willi Besmanoff, who is now fighting in America as a heavyweight, dropped from the rankings with Clarence Hinnant of Washington, D. C., replacing him, Hinnant is rated in tenth spot, with Dogomar Martinez, Randy Turpin, Charles Colin and Willi Hoepner each advanced one notch.

In the middleweight class Rory Calhoun, victor over Charlie Cotton and Leroy Oliphant, has been advanced to fourth place, with Ralph Jones down two notches to fifth. Ralph, third last month, has been inactive. His high post was taken by Spider Webb who was fourth. Charley Joseph has moved up from ninth to eighth, while Chebo Hernandez was upped to ninth, with Neal Rivers down to tenth post.

Johnny Saxton, former champion, who was chief contender before his kayo by Basilio, is now rated fifth among the welters, with Tony DeMarco, another exchampion, leading the field. Charley (Tombstone) Smith of Los Angeles, winner over Joe Miceli, was upped from tenth to eighth, with Joe dropped and Walter Byars of Roxbury, Mass., victor over Sugar Hart, added to the ranking ten as last man. Del Flanagan, veteran campaigner who is back as a welter and defeated Ramon Fuentes, is in seventh while his victim has been dropped to ninth.

Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif., who made an exceptionally poor showing against Paolo Rosi, tumbled from third place to tenth and with the elimination of inactive Cisco Andrade of Compton, Calif., and James Carter of New York. Bud Smith, former champion, who will henceforth compete as a welter, also has been eliminated to make room for Al Nevares of Chihauhua, victor over Gonsalves.

Larry Boardman who intends to join the welters as we go to press, but is still rated among the lightweights, advanced to third from fourth with Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, Willie Toweel of South Africa and Ralph Dupas, each stepping higher in the international rankings. The Cuban is fourth, the South African, fifth and Dupas sixth. They were fifth, ninth and eighth respectively in our last issue. Wallace (Bud) Smith has fallen from seventh to tenth.

The defeat of Gil Cadilli of San Francisco by Ike Chestnut of New York, and the double defeat of Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Cal., by Paolo Rosi of New York and Al Nevares of Chihuahua, put Gonsalves down in tenth from third and enabled Nevares and Rosi to gain eighth and ninth posts, respectively. Baby Vasquez was upped from eighth to seventh.

Billy Peacock, winner over Rudy Garcia, traded places with German Ohm. He is now fourth among the bantams with Ohm fifth.

Robert Tartari, who drew with Dante Bini for the latter's French title, advanced from eighth to seventh, and Bini from seventh to sixth with Tanny Campo down from sixth to eighth.

European champion Young Martin of Spain who retained his flyweight title, was upped from second to leading contender's post for Pascual Perez's crown, but Dai Dower who advanced from fifth to fourth, will get the match to be fought in Argentina. Martin kayoed the Italian champion Aristide Pozzali who dropped from fourth to sixth post, taking the place of Pone Kingpetch of Thailand who advanced to fifth. Hitoshi Misaki of Japan lost two points and is now down in eighth place and Danny Kid of Manila went up from eighth to seventh. Chilean champion German Pardo defeated Oscar Suarez and replaces him in the rankings, Pardo is now listed tenth.

Here are the results of the leading bouts of the past month.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Willie Pastrano outboxed John Holman, 10.
Nino Valdes kayoed British Champion Joe Erskine, 1.
British Empire Champion Joe Bygraves retained title by stopping Henry Cooper, 9.
Franco Cavicchi kayoed Al Bernard, 2.
Willie Besmanoff outclassed Calvin Wilson, 10.
Ewart Potgieter kayoed Dave Roy, 5, and Bruce Olson, 6 while Bruce kayoed Terry Johnson, 2, but was stopped by Terry Lewis, 3. Bob Albright defeated Joey Rowan, 10. Rowan also lost to Roy Harris, 10. Emile Vidal flattened Werner Wiegand, 1, and outpointed Heinz Lemm, 8.
Garvin Sawyer stopped Calvin Butler, 6. Brian London flattened Robert Duquesne, 1. Jeff Dyer kayoed Jimmy Relish, 5.
Buddy Turman kayoed Jesse Brown, 3. Emil Brtko won over Dave Rent, 8. George Chuvalo kayoed Walter Hafer, 3.
Alonzo Johnson kayoed Kenny Davis, 4. Hosa Chapman defeated John Harper, 6. Billy Tisdale stopped Sugar Man Griffin, 3. Mike DeJohn stopped Julius Griffin, 10.
Art Mayorga beat Frank Williams, 5. Ollie Wilson stopped Tommy Black, 4.
Johnny Hollins defeated Johnny Mason, 6. Ike Thomas bested Tony Gagliardo, 6.
Bob Scrivins kayoed Artie Wright, 3. Len Kanthal beat John Henry, 6.
Zora Folley kayoed Johnny Hollins, 2. Bob Satterfield lost to light-heavyweight Harold Johnson, 10. Joe Gonzales stopped Franco Cavicchi, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Clarence Hinnant halted Yvon Durelle, 8.
Johnny Sullivan outpointed Arthur Howard, 10.
Bobby Lane edged out Franz Szuzina, 10. Tommy duPreez stopped Serge Leveque, 8.
Johnny James whipped Eddie DeMars, 10. Johnny Halifihi halted Neville Rowe, 3. Australian Champion Ricardo Marcos was stopped by middleweight Mike Holt, 3.
Roger Wiley won over middleweight Dick Lane, 10. Floyd McCoy kayoed Jimmy Thornton, 3. Jesse Bowdry halted Ricco Brooks, 4. Tony Masciarelli defeated Jerry Fowler, 8, and kayoed Rudy White, 5, then beat Gene Smith, 8.
Nathan Ish defeated Frankie Payne, 6. Roque Maravilla kayoed Cordell Jones, 2. Billy Ryan kayoed Gene Hersom, 1, and beat Milton Epps, 6.
Burke Emery defeated Joe Salvato, 6. Monroe Ratliff beat Lonnie Malone, 6. Kel Wayne stopped Tommy Berg, 5.
Rudy Williams kayoed John Brunetti, 2. Bobby King kayoed Roy Belsito, 6. Bill Leonard kayoed Skeets Starkey, 1. Sammy Stone stopped Carl Ferguson, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion Gene Fullmer whipped Ernie Durando, 10 (non-title).
Ellsworth (Spider) Webb easily outpointed Neal Rivers, 10.
European Champion Charley Humez whipped Germinal Ballarin, 10, (non-title).

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REST MEANS RUST

Modern Fighters Lack Competition to Gain Experience and Improve Their Natural Talents.

Henry Armstrong, who became a triple world champion, kept himself at peak condition by fighting often. Here he is seen polishing off Aaron Perry in Washington.

By JERSEY JONES

TIMES and conditions certainly have changed in this leather-tossing profession. And it cannot be said that the changes have generally been for the better.

Raul Raton Macias, the No. 1 contender for the world bantamweight title, was recently reprimanded by the Mexican ring bosses for fighting "too often." He had engaged in two bouts ten days apart, a flagrant violation of the Mexican code which insists that a fighter rest at least fourteen days, two full weeks, between ring appearances.

Macias' answer was that the opposition was of minor calibre and he didn't need much rest between bouts. As a matter of fact, the Little Mouse didn't need any rest at all. He could have taken on both opponents the same night and not even worked up a sweat. A Ramon Young went out in the second session in Obregon while Johnny Hand was a quick one-round victim in El Paso.

Yet Macias got himself an official "spanking" from the authorities for too much "industry."

Shades of the old-time crowd that flourished in eras when activity was encouraged and it was a regular thing for champions and top contenders to pack in from twenty to thirty fights a year and, on occasion, even hit the forty-bout mark.

Nowadays it is unusual when a main-bout performer can show more than ten bouts in twelve months. And fighters who can boast a total of 100 engagements in an entire ring career are becoming more and more scarce.

A generation or more ago it was the rule rather than the exception for a top ringster to wind up with anywhere from 250 to 400 bouts.

RINGMEN NEED COMPETITION.

As in any profession, a fighter needs steady competition if he expects to learn and improve. There is no substitute for experience. The old-timers were assured of that steady competition and the experience that went with it. The nation abounded in fight clubs and home-town favorites.

Check through the records of George Dixon, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Abe Attell, Jack Dillon, Freddie Welsh, Jack Britton, Battling Levinsky, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Benny Leonard, Harry Greb, Tiger Flowers, Johnny Dundee, Maxie Rosenbloom, Henry Armstrong and other busy topliners of the past. They flourished on industrious schedules. In recent

years, the only fighters to compare with the old crowd in activity have been Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler.

It's become more and more difficult, in this TV era, for a fighter to be active, even if he wanted to. The opportunity isn't there. Coast-to-coast televising, twice weekly, of International Boxing Club attractions has ruined many a once-lively fight center, and curbed the development of local talent.

Another contributing factor is the susceptibility of today's fighters to physical injuries. The present bunch doesn't seem to be as rugged as the old-timers—and they're not as skilled in their trade, either. The crude, slam-bang tactics of the moderns invite gashed eyebrows, bruised hands and other physical damages. Long layoffs between bouts have become a regular thing—and we've yet to hear of any fighter improving himself through idleness.

It is revealing to browse through the Ring Record Book for 1956 activities in American rings. The busiest main-eventer was unrated Jimmy Martinez, journeyman middleweight out of Arizona, who bounced from Portland Ore., to Monroe, La., and from Billings, Mont., to Cleveland, Ohio, and considered himself a model in durability when he ended the year with a total of sixteen bouts.

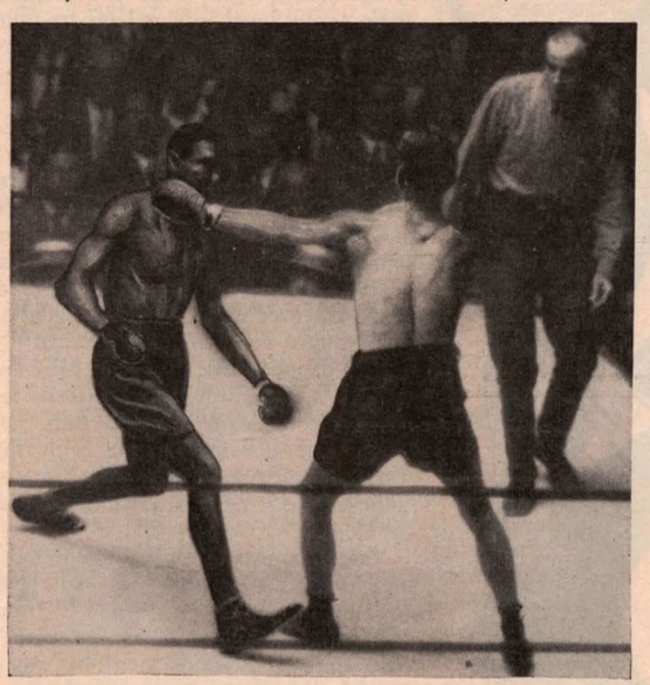
Of the champions, light-heavyweight Archie Moore, fighting mainly as a heavyweight, was the most prolific with twelve outings, and of ranking title contenders featherweight Paul Jorgenson with thirteen bouts and middleweight Joey Giardello with eleven were the most industrious.

It's a long hoot and holler, indeed, to those rugged years when Battling Levinsky crowded thirty-five bouts into 1914, Tiger Flowers ran his total to thirty-six in 1924 and Willie (Young) Stribling ended his 1928 campaign with thirty-eight.

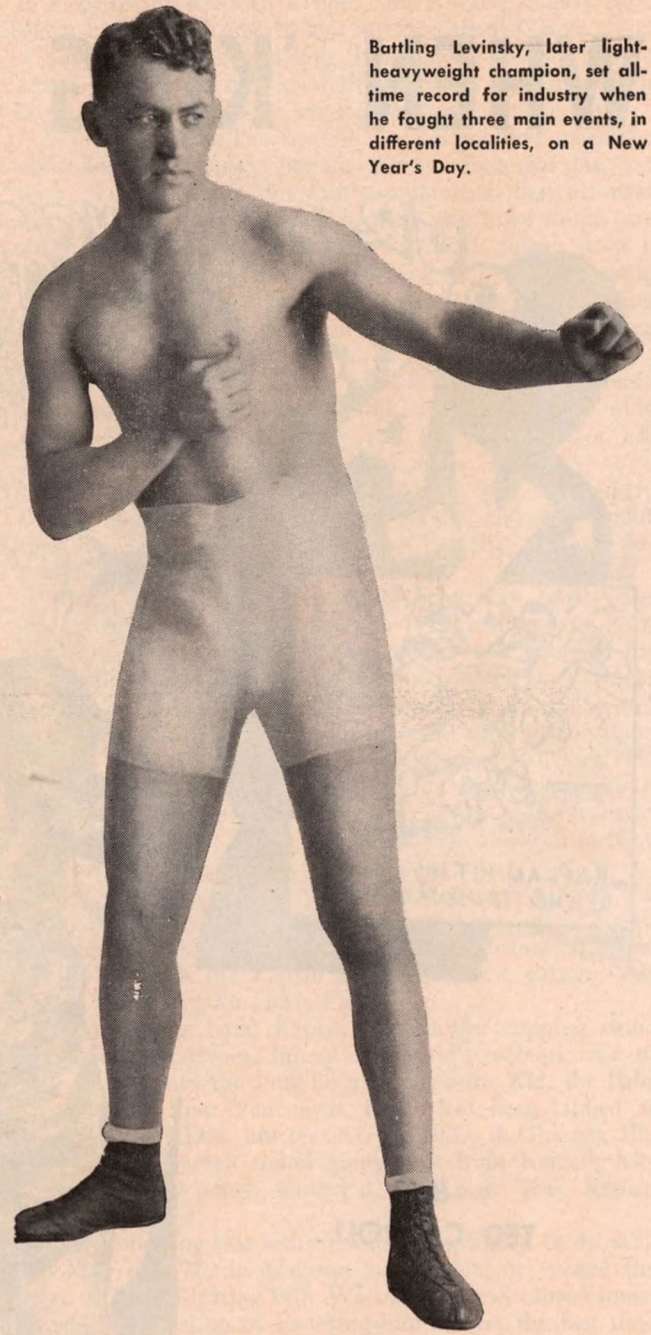
The old-timers' busy schedules were all the more remarkable when it is considered they didn't have the traveling advantages of today's rapid, comfortable airplanes. They had to do their junketing in long, tedious train rides.

BUSY TOURISTS.

Jack (the Giant Killer) Dillon was not one to remain very long in any one place. He was constantly on the move, fighting anybody anywhere. In 1912, for instance, he must have covered nearly 15,000 miles in spreading twenty-nine bouts clear across the continent, from New York to San Francisco and back, going as far north as Winnipeg, Canada, and south to Memphis.



Two of the busiest middleweights of all time, Tiger Flowers and Harry Greb, are pictured in the second of their two exciting battles for the championship in Madison Square Garden.



Battling Levinsky, later light-heavyweight champion, set all-time record for industry when he fought three main events, in different localities, on a New Year's Day.

Stribling probably was the most-travelled ringster in history. The Georgian was not one for protracted vacations. The "King of the Canebrakes", as the late Damon Runyon dubbed him, began fighting as a bantamweight in 1921, fought successively in every division up to heavyweight, and was still active when fatally injured in a motorcycle crash in his native Georgia in 1933.

In his first nine years of operations Stribling piled up an amazing total of 249 bouts. He didn't miss many spots in his busy travels. He covered the United States completely, from Boston to Los Angeles and Miami to Spokane. His ring activities began to slow down late in 1929 when Willie decided he'd like to see some of the world beyond his native land. Much of his time in the next four years was spent in traveling between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Europe, South Africa and Australia. In those four years, Strib added only thirty-two bouts to his total, but one of them was an ill-fated bid for the world heavyweight title in 1931. With only fifteen

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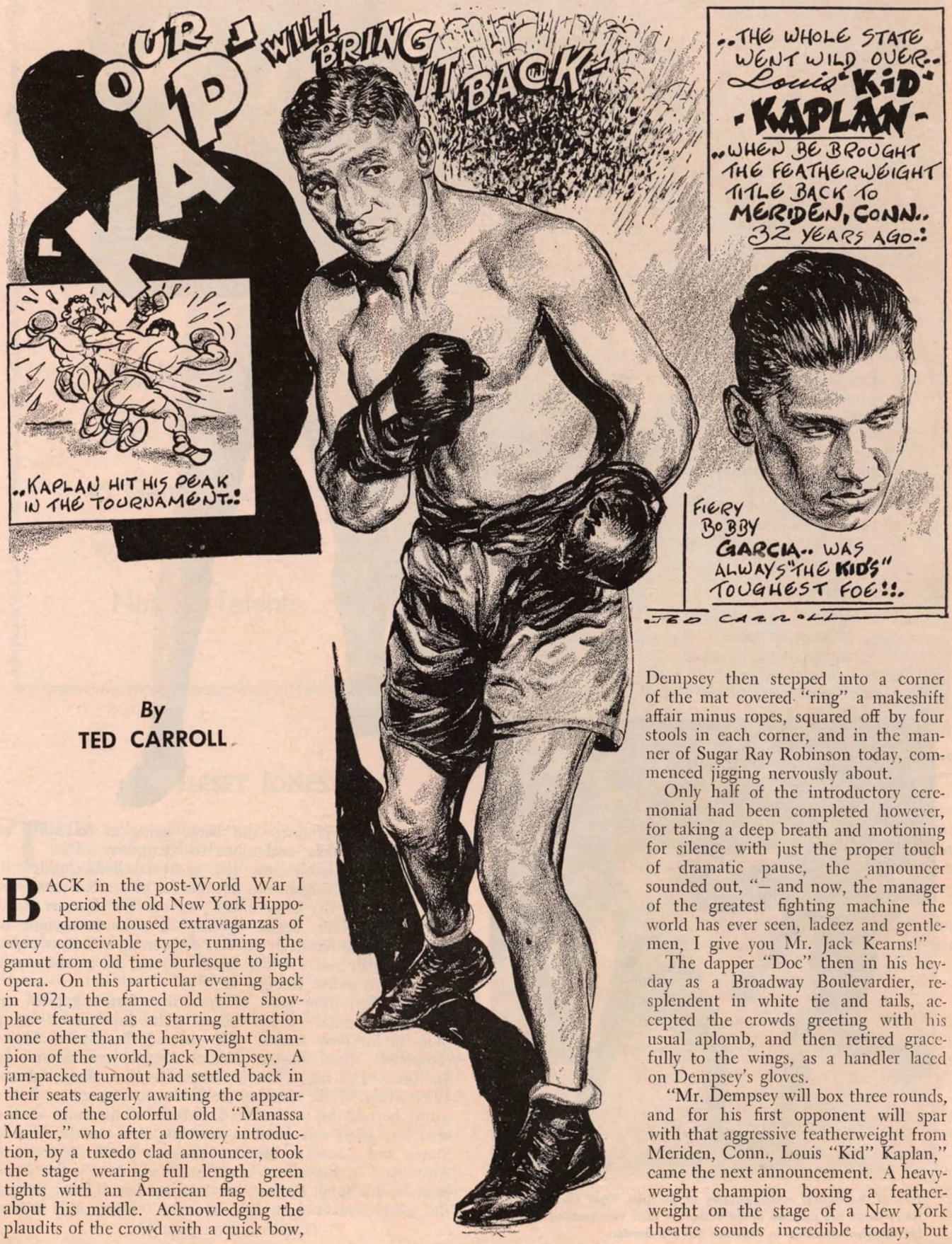
WHEN 'KING KAP' REIGNED



By
TED CARROLL

BACK in the post-World War I period the old New York Hippodrome housed extravaganzas of every conceivable type, running the gamut from old time burlesque to light opera. On this particular evening back in 1921, the famed old time showplace featured as a starring attraction none other than the heavyweight champion of the world, Jack Dempsey. A jam-packed turnout had settled back in their seats eagerly awaiting the appearance of the colorful old "Manassa Mauler," who after a flowery introduction, by a tuxedo clad announcer, took the stage wearing full length green tights with an American flag belted about his middle. Acknowledging the plaudits of the crowd with a quick bow, Dempsey then stepped into a corner of the mat covered "ring" a makeshift affair minus ropes, squared off by four stools in each corner, and in the manner of Sugar Ray Robinson today, commenced jigging nervously about.

Only half of the introductory ceremonial had been completed however, for taking a deep breath and motioning for silence with just the proper touch of dramatic pause, the announcer sounded out, "– and now, the manager of the greatest fighting machine the world has ever seen, ladeez and gentlemen, I give you Mr. Jack Kearns!"

The dapper "Doc" then in his heyday as a Broadway Boulevardier, resplendent in white tie and tails, accepted the crowds greeting with his usual aplomb, and then retired gracefully to the wings, as a handler laced on Dempsey's gloves.

"Mr. Dempsey will box three rounds, and for his first opponent will spar with that aggressive featherweight from Meriden, Conn., Louis "Kid" Kaplan," came the next announcement. A heavyweight champion boxing a featherweight on the stage of a New York theatre sounds incredible today, but

such things were taken in stride thirty-six years ago.

Sure enough, who should come charging onto the stage, but a stubby, hook-nose kid, who, discarding the towel draped about his shoulders, barrelled right into the towering heavyweight as though their sizes were the same.

Strangely enough, for all his rough-and-ready style, Dempsey was a master at going along with a light boxer in such an exhibition. He used his catlike quickness to good effect in evading the rushes of his little opponent in a manner remindful of a giant matador thwarting a tiny bull.

At the same time, Dempsey, stepping about with remarkable agility, pulled his punches with such finesse they had no numbing effects at all upon his sixty-pounds lighter sparmate. The crowd was thoroughly entertained and gave the Spunky Kaplan a rousing hand after his turn with the champ.

Russian born 19 year old Louis "Kid" Kaplan had been boxing a year at the time, and was already looked upon as one of the likeliest local products to come along in years, up in his native Connecticut. Today, he still sticks close to home where after all these years he remains one of most popular sports figures in Connecticut. He was given a testimonial dinner in Hartford a few years ago where he was lavishly praised as one of the state standouts in sports history.

Showing up at the N. Y. boxing writers' dinner in one of his infrequent big town appearances, the bespectacled 54 year old Kid laughed good naturedly when reminded of the Dempsey exhibition so long ago. "Don't let anybody tell you Dempsey was just a slugger," he insists. "I was plenty fast myself in those days, and that big guy was as fast as I was and he could box too."

Inclined to pudginess in his fighting days, Louis the Kid hasn't gotten as heavy as might be expected considered the weight making problems which plagued him during his fighting career, and the blubbery proportions of many old time fighters and jockeys. Pleasant, likeable and friendly as of old, it is easy to understand why the townspeople of his native Meriden, Conn. carried on as exuberantly as they did the night he won the vacated featherweight title in New York's old Madison Sq. Garden thirty-two years ago.

A happy, confident horde of Nutmeggers commandeered the train coming down to New York from Meriden, disrupted traffic on the march through New York streets to the Garden, improvised parodies of popular songs of the day all ending with the happy refrain "Our Kap will bring that title back," sported huge "King Kap" buttons, brought their own band, and turned the Garden into a bedlam, when Kaplan rising to the occasion, with the greatest performance of his career, battered hard hitting Danny Kramer of Philadelphia into submission in nine rounds.

This bout which took place on January 2, 1925, had been the final of the elimination tournament designed to crown a successor to featherweight champ Johnny Dundee, who had relinquished the title, and there had been whisperings that Kramer, socking southpaw protege of the feared Philadelphian Max "BooBoo" Hoff, couldn't lose no matter what happened. But the Meriden Mauler, took good care of those rumors with an unstoppable buzz-saw barrage, which blasted Kramer into bloody defeat in a rip-roaring battle fought against a backdrop of bellowing New England idolizers of "Kap."

Actually Kaplan had been forced all out to get past the first round of the tourney. In this contest on November 2, 1924, he had drawn the fire-breathing Mexican brawler from Camp Holabird, Md., Bobby Garcia, who gave Louis the Kid the most gruelling competition he encountered. The boys had come into the final round of the ten rounder, just about even, after nine rounds of bitter give-and-take.

In the last stanza, as the gong sounded, the inspired Kaplan flew at his foe his fists flailing and he never stopped swinging, mauling, punching, and bulling forward until the bell ended the battle. This robust last round rally decided it in favor of the Meriden Mauler, but it was a mighty close shave, and a tough one to lose for the gallant Garcia.

Kaplan soon found making 126 pounds too much of a strain, and after a couple of title defenses against smooth boxing Babe Herman, he was forced to give up the title.

When it became known that the Kid couldn't make the class limit any longer, certain sharpshooters got busy at once. They came to him with a proposition that he meet a contender of their choosing in their own town minus any weigh in worries, and for fifty thousand dollars drop a decision and the title to the local hero. Since he was going to give up the title anyway, what was wrong with picking up this bundle of dough for getting rid of it? Furthermore their boy was a top contender in his own right.

Kaplan, his manager Dinny M'Mahon, former Connecticut boxing commissioner, and still his closest friend, were outraged by such skullduggery and the Kid's answer has become a classic in the annals of honesty.

"Sure, I can use that fifty grand," he said, "but every time I fight my friends bet plenty on me, and what about their dough? I wouldn't do a thing like that to them for a million dollars!"

Kaplan remained an outstanding fighter for some years after giving up the championship in 1927, meeting and beating most of the top lightweights of the time. One of his best remembered battles during this period came against Jackie Fields, who was being hailed on the coast as a second Benny Leonard, and picking up powerful connections along the way, came into New York on a wave of ballyhoo. He was matched with Kaplan, pegged by his backers as an over-the-hill overgrown featherweight, in one of the featured bouts on an all star card staged at the Polo Grounds in New York on June 29, 1927.

The clever Californian never had a chance against the windmill attack of the ex-featherweight king and although he went on to become the welterweight champion, New York City, with the Kaplan fight setting the pattern, was always a jinx spot for Jackie Fields.

On the other hand Kaplan, proved the stepping stone for another westerner, Jimmy McLarnin's meteoric rise to ring glory. Until the time he met Louis the Kid, the baby faced battler from Vancouver, B. C. had been tabbed as strictly a fancy Dan, but on Oct. 18, 1927, in Chicago, Ill., after taking a seven round going over from Kaplan, McLarnin found a punch, landed it, and Louis "Kid" Kaplan was counted out.

Even following this setback Kaplan continued to do well. On May 10, 1929 in Madison Sq. Garden, he evened the score with hard hitting Billy Wallace who had caused something of a sensation by knocking him out for the first time in Cleveland, O., three years before.

Another indication of his ability came in 1930 when he was still good enough to beat his fellow nutmegger tough Bat Battalino, who had won the featherweight title in 1929, four years after Kaplin had performed the same feat "Bat" was holder of the championship at the time.

He was formidable enough in 1931 to gain recognition as New England lightweight champion and end the promising career of Ralph "Roughy" Lenny, a young Jersey City boxer of unusual skill who looked like a coming champion up to the time he ran into Louis the Kid.

To all intents and purposes, Kaplan's career came to an end when hard hitting welterweight Eddie Ran levelled him in the opening minute of a Garden fight late in 1931. He had a few bouts after that but called it a career after he dropped a decision to clever Cocoa Kid in New Haven on February 20, 1933.

Like most good-natured, generous, boxers, Louis "Kid" Kaplan wound up with little to show for his years of ring warfare, bad investments accounted for most of it and his own freehandedness took care of the rest of his earnings.

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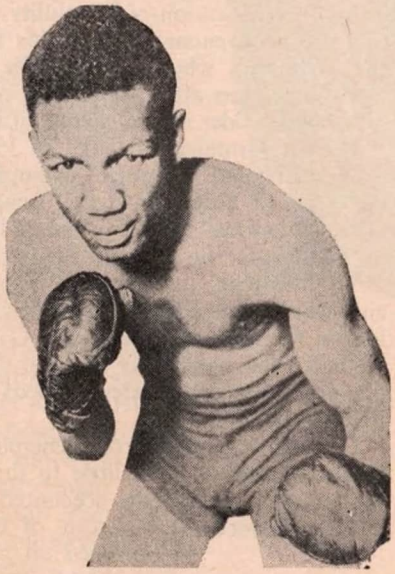
Henry Armstrong, now a minister of the gospel, was supposed to be only 25 when he completed "grand slam" of three world titles, but his vague early ring background indicated he had been fighting much longer than the record books said.

Below:
Jersey Joe Walcott had already been tossing gloves at least 21 years when he became heavyweight champion, and authorities were skeptical when he said his age was 37. They insisted it was nearer to 40, and maybe beyond that.

This *Uncertain Age*

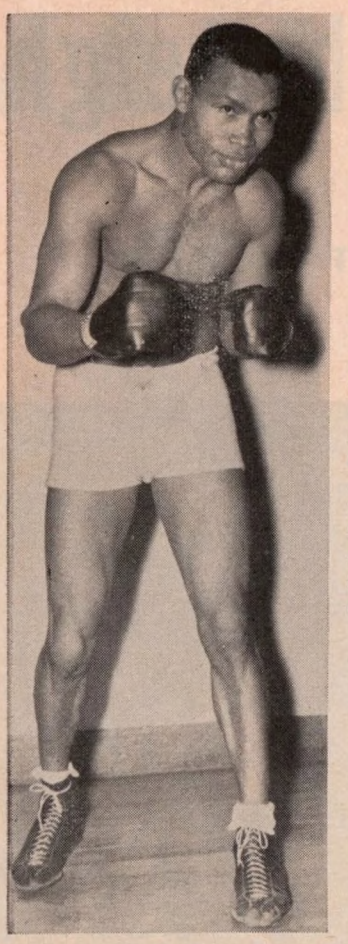
By IRA SEEBACHER



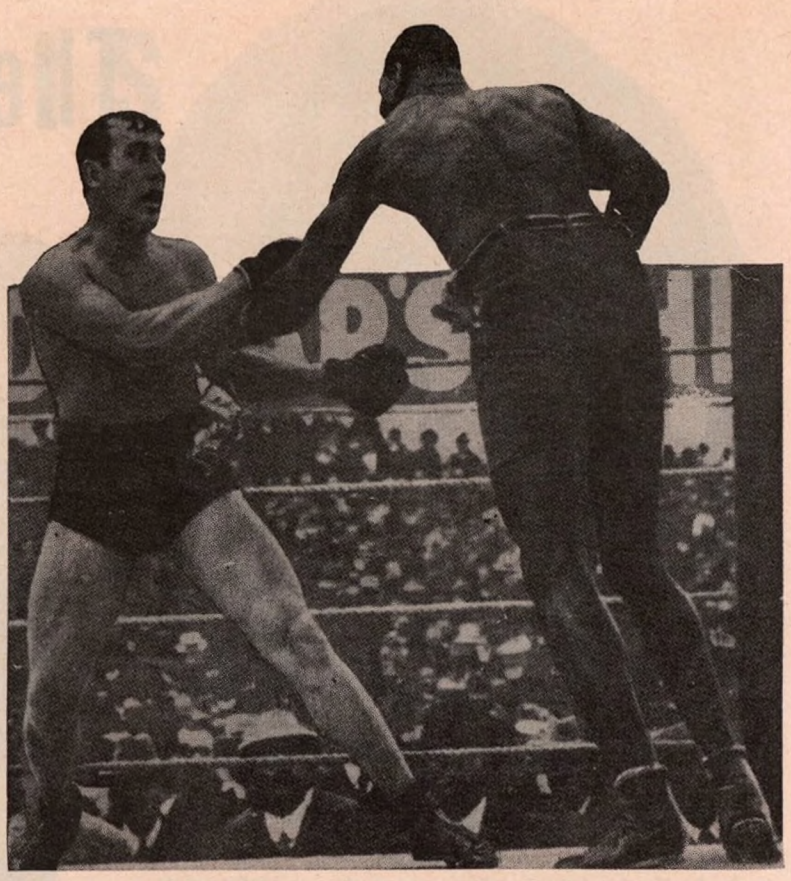
Chalky Wright was another whose right age caused considerable speculation. Chalky admitted to 30 when he became featherweight champion, but veteran fight followers felt he had "forgotten" a few years in his calculations.

IN Nat Fleischer's "Ring Record Book", one will find a short article on Jersey Joe Walcott's ring earnings. At the beginning is a note that Jersey Joe may have earned as much as an approximated $10,000 in the years 1930 through 1945. It is rather difficult to imagine a modern fighter having 16 years in the ring spent in such anonymity that few if any records are extant of his earnings in so long a span. But then it is almost as difficult to believe that a fighter with 16 conceded years in the ring then went on to eight more highly lucrative years in the repeated role of heavyweight title challenger and, finally, as heavyweight champion.

It was then, and still is, a closely kept secret as to just how old Joe is. For the sake of a better record, and because there can be no successful challenge to Joe's claim, the record book claims Joe was born January 31, 1914. Thus, he is now 43—he says—but if there is anyone who believes it, it must be because Joe personally drubbed him into a state of credulity. If Joe is to be believed, he was an extremely tender 16 years of age when he started his 16-year cruise



Tiger Jack Fox, who campaigned so long that newcomers associated him with the London Prize Ring Rules. If his own records were right, the Tiger fought his last bout when he was 43, but general opinion had him even older.



Jack Johnson (right), didn't worry about his age. He was 32 when he whipped Jim Jeffries for heavyweight title and until fatally injured in automobile accident was still engaging in occasional boxing exhibitions at 67.

through the uncharted backwaters of boxing, through the sweat-and-liniment smell of fly-by-night fight clubs where a man might or might not turn in his stint under his given name, far less his right age.

One might wonder why it is that there are so many instances of fighters who, like Jersey Joe Walcott, mature late in life, or find their golden opportunity coming in the Septembers of their careers, who expediently find it necessary to melt away the years in the record books.

Ironically, for the kid starting out, the problem is antithetical. Usually he is too young to box professionally, even too young for the four-rounders. In such cases, the dodges practiced are many and varied. Tami Mauriello, for example, borrowed both his brother's name and his brother's birth records. Now the family boasts two Tamis. But with success coming late in the game, there is always a telescoping of the years where the birth records are misty or non-existent. Among Negro fighters, this has often been an easy trick of legerdemain since Negro birth records in the South—in former years in particular—were often sketchier than the wardrobe of a Follies Bergere star. Like Satchel Paige, whose true age will probably go to the grave with him as well kept a secret as the recipe for making Lea and Perrin's Worchestershire Sauce, one can speculate long and futilely about the age of the Walcotts and others of his ilk.

How old, for example, would you say Henry Armstrong is? He states in his book, "Gloves, Glory and Gold" that he first opened his peepers (not then on a layer of scar tissue) on the "twelth day of the twelth month of the twelth year." Henry didn't mean he threw "boxcars" first time around, merely that he was born December 12, 1912. That would make his age today 44. We prefer to believe the melody has ended but the same old song lingers on. We know he was fighting under the name of "Melody Jackson" for many of the 14 years before he finally hung up the gloves in 1945. Chances are that Henry may have given himself, as has so often been alleged, the benefit of the doubt. Yet one would think, now that his career is over, he'd clear up the doubt once and for all. But one would expect the same of Walcott and he, too, has proved shyer than a society matron concerning her age. Who says "Vanity, thy name is woman"?

Another old geezer who has baffled and outraged the credulity of the statisticians for years is Archie Moore, the same goateed gallant who was recently and fully convinced that his ring future, if any, is that of a light heavyweight, a vineyard less productive than the one to which he aspired but still nothing to be sneezed at when you are the boss and sole proprietor.

Archie states flatly (and roundly as well) that he was born December 13, 1916 which would make him just 40. There are others around who claim that not even a flitch of smoked bacon would enjoy hanging ever since Moore passed the age at which life commences. The paradoxical Mr. Moore may not be as old as Jack Benny but then Benny makes a living at confessing to be 39 whereas Moore makes his living acting the age of 40. It is time, we suspect, he starts to act his real age. The woods are filled with 21-year-old youngsters who don't give a fig for Archie's scrapbook even if they could read it.

Tiger Jack Fox and George Godfrey were two other sepian side-steppers from the stern realities of the truth. No one ever did know just how old the Tiger was but it probably was no more than a malicious canard that he carried a torchlight in the procession the night Grover Cleveland was elected to his second term in office. But it is true that the last time we saw him fight, we thought we noted that even his wrinkles were developing wrinkles. For the record, his age was 43 the day he stopped fighting which was in 1950. Godfrey after 13 years of more or less distinguished toil, racked up in 1935. He was then 34, the record book states,

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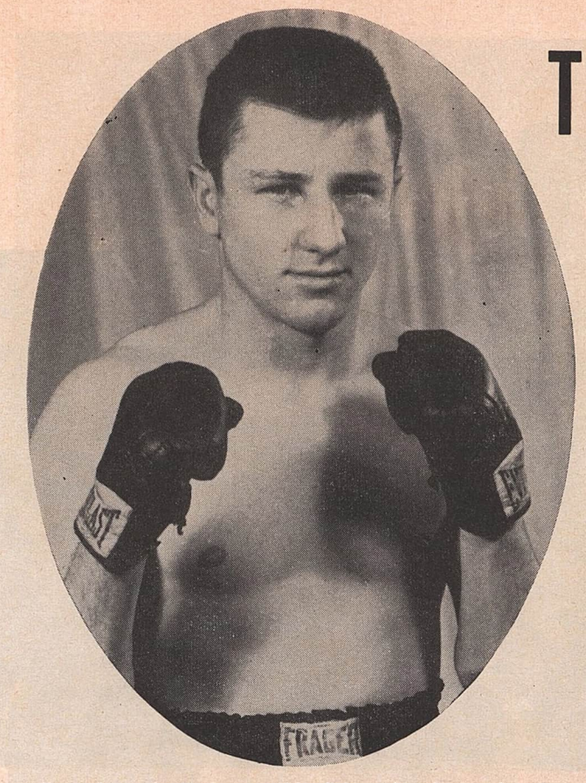
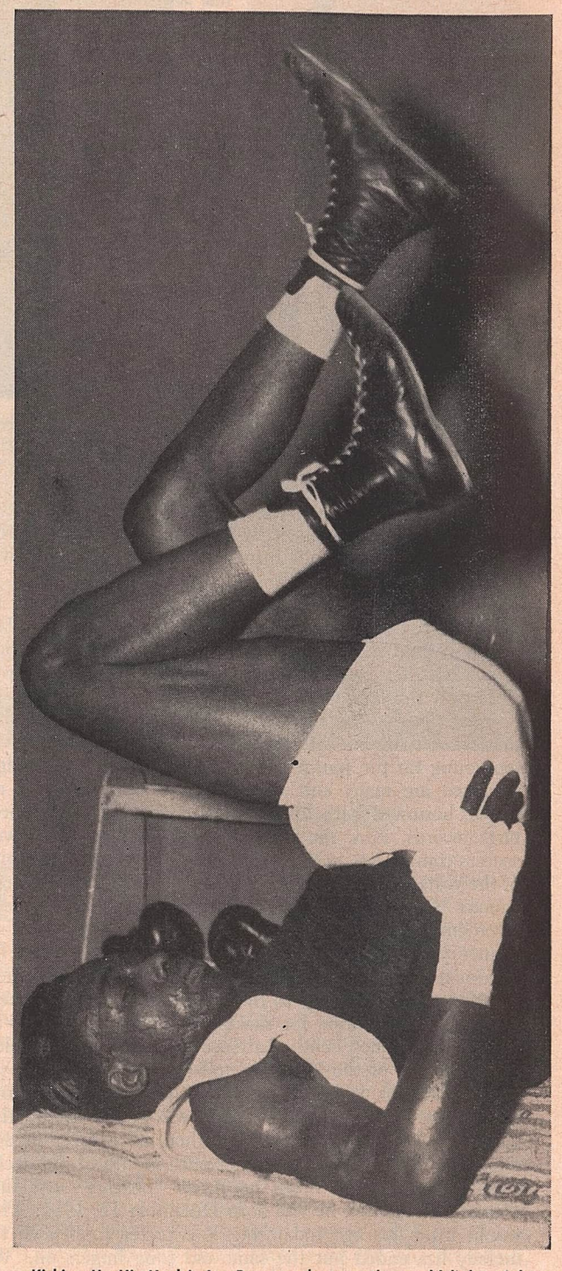
The Lightweight ANALYSIS

by **NAT FLEISCHER**



Kenny Lane, the Muskegon, Mich., lightweight who stands out as the top attraction for Joe Brown's next title defense.



Kicking Up His Heels! Joe Brown, who won the world lightweight title from Wallace (Bud) Smith and then stopped him in a return, now looks over the fighters he can make money with. The field is sparse.

THE greatest of the world's boxers from the time that that glove contests came into use were lightweights. No division in boxing, except perhaps the heavyweight class, has produced more colorful, talented pugilists and more dramatic and thrilling history than the lightweight.

What brings to mind the greats of the past?

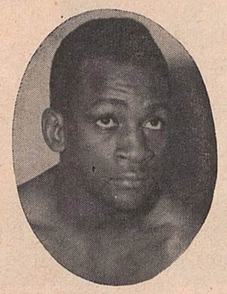
The dull, uninteresting world championship bout in Miami in which Joey Brown of New Orleans retained his title by halting his challenger, Wallace Bud Smith, in the eleventh round gaining almost a shutout victory over the man from whom he had previously won the title. How far the class has deteriorated was the subject matter discussed wherever veterans of ring lore gathered.

When one recalled the names of such marvels as Jack McAuliffe, Frank Erne, Joe Gans, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast, Benny Leonard, Tony Canzoneri, Freddie Welsh, Kid Lavigne and Willie Ritchie among the champions and dozens of highly rated non-champions who made ring history for the division, he shuddered at the thought of what might have happened had any of those above mentioned tackled Bud Smith or Joe Brown.

It is difficult to recall a lightweight championship bout of the past that lacked the color and class of the Miami match. From the time that McAuliffe ruled the roost in the "Eighties" until Ike Williams topped the list, the lightweight division fairly bristled with outstanding ringmen. Among them were exceedingly clever boxers, robust punchers, tough, rugged sluggers, men who were fine combination boxers and hitters. Some were quaint characters, but they were all fighters who thrilled the spectators. Almost every battle was one to be remembered.

Today what have we! A kaleidoscopic change has taken place.

What's the cause for the sudden flop? That's what the fans are eager to learn, so let's make an analysis.



Among the leading challengers (left to right) for the title are Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, recent conqueror of Larry Boardman; Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.; and Duilio Loi, the European champion.

Some blame it on the training. Others on the long periods of idleness of the top men who turn their nose up at contests in which there is no big television and radio money.

But there is only one answer—the same that holds for the poor calibre of boxers in every other division—a shortage of talent.

And what's the cause for that?

The shutdown of the small clubs around the nation. With the incubators gone, boxing is almost wholly dependent upon the few major promoters who cannot afford to develop talent. They build their cards around the favorite sons of favorite managers thus stifling the incentive of those who show promise but cannot await their turn to make the grade. Here and there we find a few youngsters with a bright future, but even they, in most cases, soon fall by the wayside because they are pushed too soon into the TV spotlight.

In the past few years the lightweight class has skidded from its once eminent position because outstanding talent has become all too scarce. There have been no matches to arouse public enthusiasm. Hence the reason for staging a championship bout in an arena in Miami that seats only 4,100 persons. That in itself is a giveaway on the calibre of the division.

Since Brown won his title on August 24 of last year, at least two lads have come to the fore to keep the class in the spotlight—Duilio Loi, the Italian who holds the European crown and is the best man in the division, and Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Mich., who is being guided toward the top by Jack Kearns, the man who brought Jack Dempsey and Joey Maxim to the front.

Johnny Gonsalves, of Oakland, Calif., depending on his masterful defensive ability alone, has lost out because of his repeated refusal to show any aggression.

It was hoped that Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., a hard hitter, would classify among the contenders, but he borders on the welter line and has decided to compete in the higher division. This leaves little for the International Boxing Club to work with since the field of contenders is small and the Norris organization, which holds the contract for the services of the champion and most of the top challengers, has ruled out Loi with whom the club cannot come to terms.

Under the circumstances the I.B.C. has decided that Lane is its best bet as an attraction and would be the most suitable opponent. It figures the contest will do the best financially.

Lane two years ago when he first headed toward major competition, defeated Zulueta and since then has engaged in twenty-two contests and dropped only two decisions. One to Ralph Dupas which he later reversed and the other, a questionable one to Paddy De Marco. Kenny is properly listed as the outstanding U. S. contender and stands the best chance to win the crown since he is a hard hitter and two-fisted battler.

Zulueta has had a spotty record over the past three years during which he has faced the top men of the division. But in his latest bout with Larry Boardman in which he scored an upset, he got himself back into the high ranking sector.

As for Andrade, he has been sidelined since being knocked out by welterweight Art Aragon last August and when he gets back into action, he will be ring rusty. Thus from the point of prominence and ability, as a gate attraction and the boxer most likely to give the fans the most pleasing performance, Lane stands out. With Manager Jack Kearns to aid in the ballyhoo, such contest should do well. Lane may not win, but his chances are exceedingly bright and there is more for the build up around him than in any of the other contenders.

The remainder of the internationally ranked boys may be shunted to the side lines since only four are left—Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, Willie Toweel of Johannesburg, South Africa, and two former title holders, Bud Smith and Jimmy Carter and none fit into the picture. Dupas seems unable to make the lightweight class and the last two named are well on their way out.

What a poor field in a division that rated so high only a few years ago!

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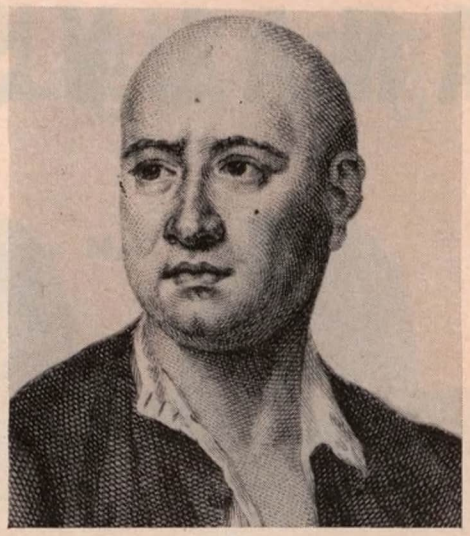
(Right) James Figg, recognized as the first of the modern champions (1719). The record book tells us that he also was a successful swordsman and cudgel expert.



Gene Fullmer, world middleweight champion, who won his title on January 2, 1957. From Figg to Fullmer, the new book gives the complete record of well over 350 world, American, junior champions, title claimants and old time greats.

FROM FIGG TO FULLMER

1957 Ring Record Book, Matchless for Reference, A Must for Boxing Fans

by JOHNNY SALAK

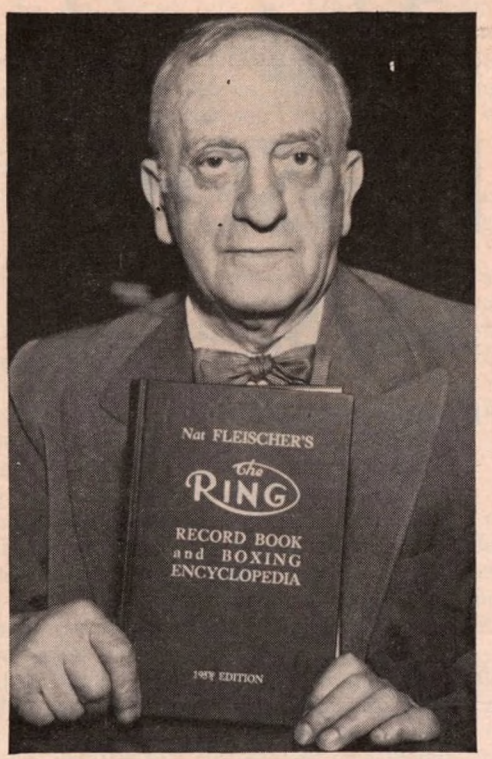
THE new 1957 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, spanning over two centuries of fight history, from Figg to Fullmer, and covering just about everything on the sport from soup to nuts, is now off the presses and being grabbed off in such rapid order that it will be available for purchase for a very short time.

This, the sixteenth edition of the annual dating back to 1942 has, as all the other earlier volumes, been published in a very limited number. The price is $7.75.

In addition to the records of active fighters today, both American and Foreign, and the complete records of all world champions from James Figg (1719), claimants and an enlarged section listing the records of many of the outstanding old time fighters, one of the most interesting features of the 900-page tome is the section of encyclopedic material, much of it new, revised and brought up to date. It is a book in itself!

Catching your eye, on page 117, is the breakdown of

Jimmy McLarnin (left) and Barney Ross (right) seen weighing in on September 17, 1934. It was getting to be an old story as their title bout was postponed four times because of bad weather, a record for a championship bout. This and other famous postponements are listed in the 1957 Ring Record Book.



Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of The Ring Magazine and The Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, a life's work of which he is well proud.

scoring in controversial and disputed fights and other bouts of interest. For instance, it shows that in the second Henry Armstrong-Lou Ambers fight at Yankee Stadium in 1939, all three officials voted for Ambers, two by 8 rounds to 7, and one by eleven rounds to three, with one even, though many thought that Armstrong won the fight easily. The reason for the unanimous decision was the five rounds, the second, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh which Referee Artie Donovan penalized Armstrong for foul punches.

Other fights in which the scoring aroused interest at the time and are continually referred to, which are given in this compilation, are the first Louis-Walcott bout, the Maxim-Robinson heated affair, the Giardello-Graham reversal fight, the first Louis-Conn bout, the first Saxton-Basilio fight, and a number of others.

Another new feature in the 1957 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia is the listing of motion pictures which had fight stories as backgrounds, with the actor who played the lead. Among them are such famous films as Body and Soul, with the late John Garfield; Champion, with Kirk Douglas; The Crowd Roars, featuring Robert Taylor; Kid Galahad and Kokomo Kid, with Wayne Morris; The Pittsburgh Kid, with Bill Conn; The Prizefighter and the Lady, with Max Baer; and Here Comes Mr. Jordan, with Robert Montgomery.

Also, there is a list of professional fighters who have appeared in motion pictures. There are about sixty of them listed and though many merely were small part performers, a number of them have had feature roles, such as Buddy and Max Baer, Jack Dempsey, Edgar Kennedy, Canada Lee, Victor McLaglen, Frank Moran, Jack Palance, Freddie Steel and Jess Willard.

Another feature is the compilation of the tallest and heaviest fighters who have campaigned as professionals, giving their weights and heights. There are fifty-five of them listed, six of them over seven feet tall. Ewart Potgieter of South Africa, now campaigning in America, is the only seven footer active at this time.

Other compilations list all of the southpaw champions, draws in championship bouts, brothers in boxing, father and sons in boxing, colorful nicknames of fighters, the ring names and real names of famous fighters, A. E. F. champions, Nat Fleischer's all-time ranking of fighters, arenas in the U. S. and foreign countries (both indoor and outdoor), bare knuckle champions, the two famous Carnivals of Champions (in 1892 and 1937), the ring earnings of famous heavyweight champions.

Also, tragic endings of famous ringmen; double knockouts; famous fighting fists; largest gates by states; famous holiday fights; most knockouts scored and most knockdowns scored; odds in heavyweight title bouts; shortest and longest held titles in each division; champions who held more than one world title; famous firsts in television and radio; fighters who campaigned professionally over a period of twenty or more years; and famous fighters of the White Hope era.

In the championship section of the book, giving the records of all world, American and junior champions, title claimants and famous old timers in all divisions—a 270 page compendium—there are 377 records listed, many of them with the photo of the fighter. That the records, many of them going back many years, are constantly being revised, corrected and brought up to date, through many hours of research, is clearly brought out in the case of Archie Moore.

Though he is a world champion, his early record, dating back more than twenty years, was incomplete and seemingly lost for all time. However, twenty-nine of his fights, during 1936, 1937 and 1938, when he was a comparative unknown, have been uncovered to complete his record. They are all listed in the 1957 Ring Record Book. He lost three decisions and scored twenty-six knockouts in those added bouts, bringing his total of kayoes to 115, to now place him second on the all-time list of "Knockouts, Most Scored" (Page 47).

The American section, some 340 pages, lists well over 2,000 records, while the foreign section, about 100 pages,

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Banner Year For Title Bouts
Aragon 'Fix' Attracts Attention
Valdes Cleans Up Europe

THE Basilio-Saxton fight in Cleveland gave boxing a big boost. For days following the sensational bout, the affair was discussed in the pubs, on radio, in the sports pages and wherever fight enthusiasts gathered. Now Jim Norris is confident that the winner of the Robinson-Fullmer contest pitted against Basilio as an outdoor attraction may outdraw the former and may be the best for gate receipts this summer.

Should Robinson regain the crown, he and Carmen are certain to hit the mark set in the Robinson-Turpin bout. A Fullmer-Basilio contest will fall short of those figures but will be a popular attraction nevertheless because of the sturdiness of the contestants. It will be one in which combativeness should be on display to a high degree and the claret will flow freely. In either case, Basilio's triumph over Saxton has placed the International Boxing Club in an excellent position for the summer. Four more championship fights are assured the fans as of now and as things shape up, Jim Norris will make up for last year's inactivity in title bouts. The likelihood is that the current year will be a banner one in title defenses despite the loss of the Anti-Trust suit. Champions sign with promoters who they think will get them the most money and if Norris is compelled to drop the exclusive contracts with champions because of the government's victory over the I.B.C., he will in all probability retain the services of the title holders through open bidding.

The Ring will take up the U. S. Anti-Trust victory over the I.B.C. in the next issue after the U. S. Court makes its final ruling.

'FIX' CASE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Regardless of the outcome of the appeal which Art Aragon, the Golden Boy of California, will take following his recent conviction on the felony of "fight fixing", the colorful and lucrative twelve year ring career of this talkative boxer is at an end. The jury of six men and as many women that convicted him, took a long time in deciding the case, but apparently they didn't believe the twenty-nine year old boxer who emphatically denied that there was any "fixing" intent in his dealings with Dick Goldstein, Seattle fighter. Dick had charged that he was told to take a "dive" in the fourth round of a bout that never came off.

No matter how one looks upon the jury's verdict, one thing stands out—the seriousness of collusion in sports is gravely viewed by the public. This is a nation whose people believe in fair play and good sportsmanship and they don't condone attempts by either contestants or outsiders to influence the results of athletic competition by threats or bribes.

Our sports must be kept clean. Hoodlums, gangsters who take over from honest managers through violence or by "persuasive" methods, heroin traders so frequently named in police cases on the West Coast of our country and purchasers of decisions—they all must be driven to cover.

Art (Golden Boy) Aragon and his sobbing wife leaving the Los Angeles courtroom after the fighter had been convicted of offering bribe to another boxer to throw a fight. Aragon's colorful and lucrative career appears to be at an end.

Nino Valdes of Cuba scored his sixth straight knockout victory over a European heavyweight when he registered a knockout over Joe Erskine, British champion, in London. Valdes demolished his man in less than a round.

There is no room in sports, particularly in boxing for such characters. That's why the action of the jury in California was hailed by those who like to see boxing restored to its high standards.

POOR CROP OF HEAVIES IN EUROPE

That the calibre of the European heavyweights is no better than that of American fighters is evident from the ease with which Nino Valdes of Cuba has disposed of every champion overseas. In fact, his triumphs, especially the latest, his knockout in one round of Joe Erskine, British Empire title holder, indicate that the best in Europe aren't as good as our second raters. The victory over Erskine returned Valdes to the tenth spot in world ratings and brings him back into the contenders' class.

Nino scored his sixth victory over Europeans when he put Erskine out of the running. The giant Cuban's foreign record shows, besides the one round kayo of Erskine, knockouts of Heinz Neuhaus of Germany in 4; Hans Friedrich of Germany in six; Dick Richardson of Wales in eight; Don Cockell of England in three and Karel Sys of Belgium in four.

AN HISTORICAL TELEGRAM

In going through my diary, a collection that covers half a century of boxing reporting, material much of which will be used when I publish my autobiography, I came across an interesting letter I received from Jack Johnson when I was Sports Editor of the "New York Telegram". Jack's letter, followed an article by my boxing writer, George B. Underwood, in which Johnson was accused by Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, of ducking a title fight with "Sambo" because he feared the "Tar Baby" and of refusing to consider a fight with Jim Jeffries. The accusations riled the champion.

To prove that his rivals were using him to gain publicity, Jack enclosed a copy of a telegram he had sent to the "New York Press" on August 10, 1909, challenging "four flushers" who were belittling him. Here is the telegram:

"In view of the article appearing in the 'New York Press' in which I am pictured as one who is afraid to meet Jeffries or Langford, and in view of the statement of Jim Jeffries that he "hoped Stanley will kill me when we meet in October in Colma and that he will, if Ketchel fails", I, Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, do hereby challenge James J. Jeffries to either fight me at once for my title or do henceforth hold his tongue.

"I believe that he is a four-flusher and to show that I mean business, I hereby agree to fight him within a month from this date from one round to fifty, for a purse of not less than $30,000 of my own money and a side bet of $10,000.

"Aside from this purse, I make only one condition, that Jeffries shall accept this challenge within ten days and as a token of acceptance, shall deposit with 'The New York Press' $5,000 as a binder, I to do likewise.

"The same holds for Sam Langford whom I whipped once and can do so again. All other four-flushers are not excluded. I'll take on one after the other at intervals of two months, but this challenge is particularly directed at James J. Jeffries. For a long time he has been making capital out of phoney challenges which I have accepted but have heard nothing about from him, since he has no intention of accepting me as an opponent.

"As a matter of record I have this day deposited with James J. Price, Sports Editor of 'The New York Press', my certified check for $5,000 to bind an agreement and I will post an additional $10,000 the moment Mr. Jeffries signs an agreement to fight me."

This historic boxing document should put at rest much of the loose talk about Jack Johnson having had a yellow streak, that he was forced into the fight with Jeffries through public clamor and that he feared meeting Sam Langford for a second time. In fact, my good old pal Joe Woodman, now well in the eighties, and still going strong, God Bless Him, has verified Johnson's statement to me by declaring that Jack was never put on his back by Langford as has so often been written.

He has told me that Jack won their Chelsea fight and that the stories emanating from the Langford camp through Woodman, were all for publicity purposes.

The Langford legend has been repeated so often that the younger generation has come to believe it. My father-in-law, A. D. Phillips, a well known New England sportsman and writer who passed away at the age of 90, saw the fight with Johnson and he often verified Johnson's statement. I frequently receive letters in-re that bout and the telegram mentioned in this issue should clear the deck.

LITTLE ABE CELEBRATES

Little Abe Attell, one of the few surviving members of the Old Brigade who held a world title, celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday on February 22. Only Big Jess Willard and Jack Root have it on Abe in age, Root being the oldest living ex-champion. He'll celebrate his eightieth birthday on May 5. Jess is a year older than Attell.

Spry as ever, Attell seldom misses a fight. He recalls vividly how he fought on many occasions for purses of less than $25 and is of the opinion that the majority of the present day fighters are far overpaid considering the calibre of the "talent" as compared to the boxers of his era.

Unlike most of the old timers, however, Abe doesn't refer to the top men of today in the disparaging terms so often heard when comparisons are made. He says that Ray Robinson and Willie Pep, for example, are the equal of any of the best when he was in his prime. The nearest approach to himself in general ring ability, he thinks is Pep, and for all-around ring science, hitting and mastery in every division, he calls Robinson tops.

Discussing his great contests, and he engaged in many among the outstanding being those with Battling Nelson, Jem Driscoll, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Casper Leon, Ad Wolgast, Owen Moran, and Johnny Kilbane, he selects that with Murphy, a 20 round draw at Vernon, Calif., as his toughest and the bout with Battling Nelson which went against him though to this day he thinks he won it, as his masterpiece. The last named was at catchweights, Abe scaling only 117 against 137 and it was the bloodiest of all, he declares.

Abe is mighty proud of his career and likes to boast that he is the oldest of all living champions. He likes to forget the names of Root and Willard in discussing ages.

Attell held the title for twelve years, losing it to Johnny Kilbane in 20 rounds of the most vicious and dirty fighting seen on the Pacific Coast. According to venerable Jack Root, who attended the contest, "nothing like it had ever been seen in California. Apparently Root didn't see the Pep-Saddler bouts.

"But", says Root in reminiscing, "the memory of Abe's wonderful fighting and cleverness will forever live. He was every inch the master. I can picture him full of confidence, erect, light and swift and quite as willing to mix it at close range with the toughest hitters as he was to box scientifically.

"His great contest with Battling Nelson is one I shall never forget. When Abe started his career he was one of the quickest finishers I had ever seen and he kept up his pace through most of that career. He won every one of his early fights with a clean knockout and only one went five rounds.

"Convey my best wishes to Abe and may he continue to enjoy his health for many more years. As one old timer to another, I send my greetings to one of the greatest all-round ringmen we have had in the past half century."

By JOHNNY SALAK

IN a $10,000,000 plus deal the International Boxing Club and the Gillette Company announced that the razor gay blades had signed with Jim Norris for a two-year extension of the Friday night fights televised over the NBC-TV network.

The financial figures are the same as last year, only seeming more imposing because they are given as a two year "production" figure. The razor company won't be strapping (or stropping?) itself in paying NBC-TV close to $100,000 for each show, with the I. B. C., thanks to the sharpest blade ever honed, taking a nice, clean cut of $24,500.

Each star (I thought Gillette was the sponsor?) bout battler gets $4,000 plus a percentage of the net gate, if there is any. It is the first time that the razor rajahs made a two-year contract for boxing, the papers being signed just in the "nick" of time, what with the anti-trust ruling against the I. B. C. following. All sponsors get leery and in a lather over such adverse publicity but it seems that the government ruling only cracks down on title bouts and the I. B. C. is safe in regards to its Wednesday and Friday night non-title telecasts.

The new agreement takes effect June 1. It is believed that the weekly fight bills will continue during the Summer, though New York (from which the Friday night telecasts originally all emanated) will receive fewer home based fights.

On the basis of $24,500 per show, the fighters will share in $832,000 over the two-year period while the I. B. C. will, after doling out to the fighters, receive $1,716,000 of the $2,548,000.

The sponsor will also come up with additional revenue for championship fights, as in the past, if and when the I. B. C. gets the green light and a reversal of the monopoly decision.

IF THE SUIT FITS . . .

Flooded by inquiries and at the behest of ulcer-ridden television sponsors and their advertising agencies, Jim Norris, head of the International Boxing Club, stated that the recent anti-trust ruling against his organization, delivered in Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan's monopoly verdict, will not affect the regular twice-weekly telecasts of non-title bouts nor, for that matter, the world middleweight title bout between Gene Fullmer and Ray Robinson scheduled for Chicago on May 1.

After I. B. C. counsel had studied Judge Ryan's opinion that Norris and his co-defendants violated the Sherman anti-trust laws, the I. B. C. issued a statement that read, "The anti-trust suit applies to championship bouts only and therefore will not affect the continuance of the telecasting of our regular Wednesday or Friday night non-title fights."

In as much as Judge Ryan did not rule out title bouts prior to final determination of the suit—both sides were ordered to submit proposed decrees within thirty days—the I. B. C. declared the middleweight bout "will be held as scheduled and telecast in accordance with the existing contracts entered into several weeks ago."

LEONARD LOST TITLE—ON TV

As we went to press a CBS-TV production, "Fight For The Title," was presented in which Benny Leonard, rated by leading authorities as one of the two greatest lightweights, is supposed to have "staged a phony fight to try to save the sanity of a young boxer."

Never having heard this story and failing in all efforts to verify it, we are astounded with the liberties taken with fact (as outlined in the release) and begin to be more concerned for the sanity of the viewers than for the imagined opponent of Leonard's.

The gist of the story is that one Kid Lombard's "mind was almost gone, that he needed a sanitorium they (he and his sister) couldn't afford and she (his sister) took him to a gym every day where he was happy, punching a bag and preparing to win a championship." The Telephone Time story, we are told, reaches its climax when Leonard, feeling sorry for the former fighter (and his sister), stages a bout in a closed arena between himself, world lightweight champion, and, not his sister, but Kid Lombard. For the title! He lets the Kid hit him with everything and finally goes down and is counted out.

Then Leonard's manager takes the Kid to a sanitorium, and he (the

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

THURSDAY

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles (KTLA-TV), Cal Whorton, Announcer.

FRIDAY

‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS, Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

SATURDAY

LEGION STADIUM, Hollywood (KHJ-TV), Bob Kelley and Jim Healey, Announcers.

*Also heard over ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, Announcers.

‡Also heard over ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, Announcer.

fighter, not his sister) was content to stay there, thinking he had won the championship. Leonard paid the bills until the Kid died.

The only parts we are inclined to believe are that Leonard was the world lightweight champion and the last sentence above.

WHORTON WORKS WELL

Cal Whorton, doing the blow-by-blow account of fights from Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles (KTLA, Thursdays) has proven himself a pro in a tough field which finds every announcer with a solid block of faithful fans behind him and, seemingly, just as many who feel that he doesn't know a left hook from a ring post in the farthest neutral corner.

He is an experienced fight reporter who has fitted well into a medium which takes timing and tact, in addition to a sound knowledge of the sport.

Whorton was born in San Bernardino, Calif., as he says "not so many years ago". It was at the San Bernardino High School that Cal first started participating in baseball and boxing. He was also the sports editor of the school paper.

From there he went to the University of Redlands which he attended for two years. Because the school had a limited course in the field of journalism, Cal decided to further his education at the University of Southern California. During his two years at Southern Cal, Cal was assistant editor of the Daily Trojan, president of the Delta Chi fraternity and a member of Sigma Delta Chi.

Upon his graduation from the University in 1937, he became a staff member of the Los Angeles Times. He started covering boxing as a full-time job in 1939.

Whorton enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and served for four years. During that time he served as commander of a PT boat, taking part in the Normandy invasion. For heroic actions during that landing Cal was awarded the Bronze Star and France's highest award for heroism—the Croix de Guerre—which was presented by General De Gaulle. Upon his discharge in 1946, Cal resumed his coverage of the boxing world for the Times.

Cal is a fast worker in more ways than one. He met his wife, Josephine, in Detroit where he was stationed while in the service in 1943. They were married after a three-day courtship. The couple have a nine-year-old boy, Dickie.

Whorton's biggest sports thrill took place in 1940. Henry Armstrong, who had held three world titles simultaneously (featherweight, lightweight and welterweight)—and was the only man to accomplish that feat—was preparing for a battle with Ceferino Garcia, in hopes of winning the middleweight crown (the fight wound up a ten round draw).

Cal decided that his readers might like to know what it was like to fight a triple crown champion. So he pulled a Paul Gallico, a gag boxing match being arranged at the Main Street Gym (Los Angeles) between Whorton and Armstrong just ten days before the big fight. Gag or no gag "Henry packed quite a wallop—even in fun," recalls What-a-man Whorton.

Though he had guested on television "oh, a hundred times," his association with the matches from KTLA was the first in conducting a program.

In addition to the accounts of the fights, Cal also handles the "ringside guests" and the "Boxing Question-Box," giving viewers a chance to write in, ask questions about records or background of fighters, or "even voice their opinions about various bouts."

Each week a former world champion is interviewed by Whorton on "ringside guests" and with California having so many ex-champs living there or visiting, Whorton so far has presented Jack Root, Jack Dempsey, Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong, Jimmy McLarnin, Gorilla Jones, Baby Arizmendi and Lew Jenkins.

Cal Whorton (right), who handles telecasts of bouts from Olympic Auditorium (KTLA, Los Angeles), interviews Jack Root, first world light heavyweight champion, one of many former titleholders who have appeared during "ringside guests" period of show.

A scene from "Fight For The Title," a TV production in which (left to right) Benny Leonard (George Brenlin) and his manager Billy Gibson (Don Haggerty) attempt to aid Kid Lombard (Michael Landon).

Marking the first time in the history of televised boxing that a contract has been executed on other than a year-to-year basis, Jim Norris (center), head of the I.B.C., is seen celebrating the occasion with Joe Louis, a director of the I.B.C., and A. Craig Smith (right), executive vice-president of the Gillette Razor Company. The I.B.C. and Gillette extended their agreement for two years.

NEW FACES

By FREDDIE EISENSTADT

JOHNNY MELENDEZ

Son of a good former Puerto Rican lightweight, Johnny Melendez—a boxer-fighter—is following in the footsteps of his father with hopes of reaching the top. He has had only four pro contests, winning all. He fights with the cool confidence of a seasoned scrapper. His defense is good, his jab is sharp and neat, and his right is short and jarring. Johnny Melendez is on his way up.

The lad came to New York from Santurce, Puerto Rico, where he was born on November 10, 1938. "That was eight years ago," informs the quiet lad who is attending Bronx Vocational High School, learning automobile mechanics. "My father taught me how to box. At 14, I was boxing in P.A.L. tourneys; Max Bushman of the Police League, did much to advance my fistic knowledge."

Manuel Alfaro, who operates the Tropicana Club, a Latin cabaret in the Bronx—where Johnny's father is night watchman—manages the 138-pounder. The trainer is Jose "Caron" Gonzales.

The second of three boys, Johnny, who worked at delivering groceries, won a couple of amateur titles and turned pro on his 18th birthday. "He inherited a fighting heart from his father who, at 45, feels he still is good enough to box. The youngster has what it takes to make good," says Alfaro.

He's been "going steady" with Inez Leon for 5 years and eventually hopes to marry her. "I'd like to settle down and raise a family," explains Melendez. "But first I must make money to support a wife. That, I hope, will take me no more than another year."

Johnny is inclined to be a vegetarian. Greens are his favorite. His pastime is reading mystery stories.

AL MILONE

To be fully appreciated, Al Milone must be seen in action. This 150-pound lad strongly resembles Rocky Graziano. Milone moves gracefully and boxes skillfully. He is cool, confident and colorful in the ring. He has a fast jab and sharp hook and likes to exchange wallops and can take a punch. He is a game boxer.

One of three brothers and three sisters, Alfonse Milone was born in Coney Island 22 years ago. He left grammar school when his father died, and Al went to work to help support the family.

"Fighting came naturally to him." explains manager Willie Manzi, a businessman and owner of the Williamsburg Gym where Milone trains under direction of former boxer Willie Felice. "Al's been fighting since he was a kid. He likes to fight. He's dead set on making good in the ring."

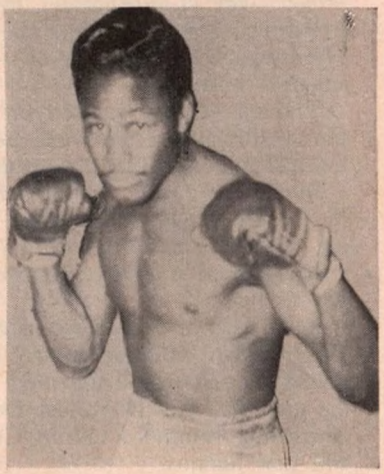
As an amateur Milone had four bouts in 1954, winning them all.

He turned pro in 1954 and then quit for a year and a half. His record: at this writing is won 8 and lost three.

Al is working for the Carlnite Trucking Company. He has a large following.

His favorite foods are lasagne, spaghetti and meat balls and his hobbies are swimming and handball.

JOE FRYE



Early in 1956, when he met fight manager Dick Vick at a church smoker and learned that the latter operated the Beaver Gym, in Jamaica, N. Y., Joe Frye revealed to him that he was anxious to become a fighter. The following day Joe began working out under the direction of Bob Dishman. In six months the lad was ready to box, not as an amateur but for dough, and he has been at it since and is holding his own. He has won four and lost one since beginning his ring career last July under the management of Dick Vick.

One of seven brothers and three sisters, Joe Frye was born in Mt. Bayou, Miss., on August 19, 1932. He had only a grammar school education. Married and father of two children, Joe is working as a porter at the Gertz Department Store in Jamaica.

"But I train evenings," he says, "cause it's my ambition to make good in the ring and earn good money so that my family can have out of life what I never was able to get."

Joe loves animals and because of that it seems he becomes a tiger in the ring.

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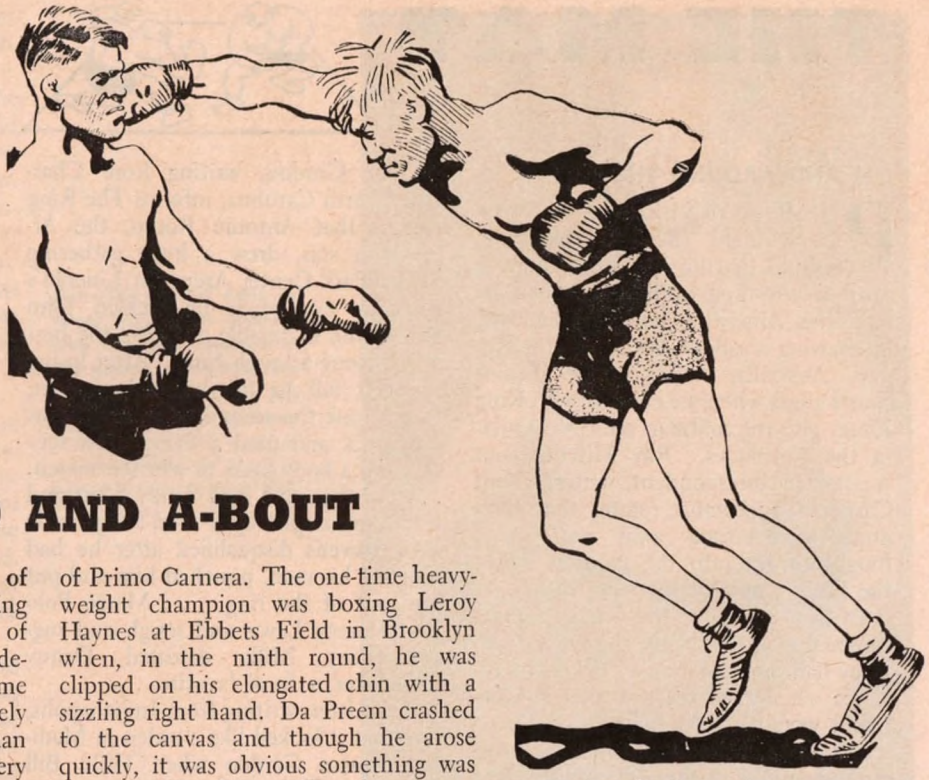
By BOB ALLEN



A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

IN that monumental compilation of facts and figures known as The Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia of Boxing, the editor, Nat Fleischer, devotes an exciting page to his all-time ranking of world boxers. Intimately connected with boxing for more than fifty years, Fleischer is regarded on every continent of the globe as the sport's foremost authority and his selections must therefore be accepted as virtually definitive.

And what does one find? Of Fleischer's eighty all-time greats (ten in each major division), only six are men who have been active since 1940—or roughly, since the start of World War II, and of these, two are flyweights who have never appeared in the United States. They are Peter Kane of England, and Pascual Perez of Argentina. The other four are Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano, in the heavyweight class; Ray Robinson, listed in the ratings as a welterweight; and Willie Pep, featherweight.

Kane, Louis, and Marciano are retired. Robinson and Pep are certainly near the finish of their ring careers. This will leave only the tiny Argentinean still active as a Fleischer all-time great.

Now what worries us about all this is simply; who among boxers currently active holds any promise of displacing those selected by Fleischer? Patterson? Maybe. Archie Moore? Gene Fullmer? Carmen Basilio? Joey Brown? Mario D'Agata? Or think of the leading young contenders in each division. Come across any names that loom as possibilities? If you do send them along to Fleischer, then sit back and wait. If your selection stands up, Fleischer will be happy to send you, free of charge, a 1972 issue of The Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia of Boxing.

The story out of St. Paul about Joe Schmolze suffering a broken leg when knocked out by Del Flanagan reminded us of an incident late in the ring career of Primo Carnera. The one-time heavyweight champion was boxing Leroy Haynes at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn when, in the ninth round, he was clipped on his elongated chin with a sizzling right hand. Da Preem crashed to the canvas and though he arose quickly, it was obvious something was wrong with him. Something was. Primo had injured his ankle and could not stand.

A stretcher was provided and Carnera was carried by six men toward the baseball dugout. Here a powerful problem presented itself: how to get the 260-pound Carnera, lying on a strecher being carried by three men on each side, down the dugout steps, through a narrow door and runway, to the dressingroom. They finally accomplished it, after hectic maneuvering. *"It was,"* wrote a New York columnist, *"like backing the Queen Mary into a phone-booth."*

Carl Nelson, Chicago trainer of Spider Webb, tells an interesting story of the early Joe Louis career we hadn't heard before. Joe's twelfth professional fight brought him against the very clever boxing artist from California, Lee Ramage. For six rounds Joe tossed his devastating fists but they could find no vulnerable target. It appeared as though Ramage would certainly last the distance. Between the sixth and seventh rounds, Joe complained to Jack Blackburn: *"I can't get a good shot at him."* *"Well,"* said Blackburn, *"he's got arms ain't he?"* This was all the advise Joe needed. In the seventh round he rained dozens of paralyzing blows, high on the Ramage arms. Came the eighth and poor Lee just couldn't raise his gloves to defend himself. Louis then aimed one for the chin. Time of knockout: 1:52 of the eighth.

Why is it that when a few excited fans create a disturbance at a boxing arena the headlines scream: RIOT? But when a much larger group of disgruntled fans unloose a barrage of beer cans, cigar butts, and programs onto a basketball court, it rates only a passing line buried deep in the story of the game?

The wire-service story said that Rocky Marciano broke up a street corner fight between two ten-year olds in Chicago. Riding with a friend, Rocky saw the two lads squaring off. He had his friend stop the car, then ran to the boys, separated them and sent each on his way. Now is that the way for a former world heavyweight champion to act? Didn't he even advise them to wait until they got a little older so they could be paid for throwing fists at each other? Didn't he suggest they get themselves managers? Didn't he even advise them to consult Charley Goldman for training pointers? Or did one fast glance convince him neither of the boys would ever make the grade and that it would therefore be wiser for them to retire young? Or maybe Rocky just doesn't like fighting.

After Joey Giardello had just managed to eke out a win over Randy Sandy recently he was quoted: *"A fighter is just like a race horse. Sometimes they can go and sometimes they can't."* Reminds us of a horse we knew once who said to a stablemate: *"Some fighters are just like my half-brother."* To which his stablemate replied: *"Which half?"*

There appears to be more boxing activity in Mexico than anywhere else in the world and we are fascinated by the names of many of the Mexican gladiators: Relampago de Hunucma, Pantero de Izamal, Rancherito Benavides, Engoda de Campeche, Patito Espindola, Pajarito Valverde, Panchito Javiar Estrella, Kid Zacatecas.

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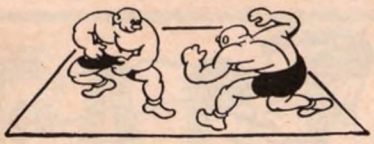
THE MAT WORLD



By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

PRIMO CARNERA, former world heavyweight boxing champion, proved that he is as big a drawing card in wrestling as he was when he made his American debut in pugilism, by drawing a sellout throng to the Sydney, Australia, White City Tennis courts arena where he clashed with King Kong, gigantic matman who is popular in the Antipodes. Ray Mitchell, our Australian correspondent, writing about Carnera's appearance, states that hundreds were turned away and many fought to get into the grounds where the Davis Cup matches were staged.

In fact, according to Mitchell, smart con-men made hay while the sun shined. They had purchased many tickets in advance when they realized that the demand would exceed the seating capacity, and then stood outside the club grounds and sold them at double their value with no trouble in getting the suckers to pay the price.

As for the match itself, the giants took turns getting wristlocks on each other and tossing each other around the ring, but Carnera showed vast superiority and often when he had the opportunity to pin his man, he let down on his 410 pounds rival. The referee declared the affair a "no-contest" in the fifth round, thus paving the way for another big haul. Australians like their wrestling matches and the sport outdraws boxing. The big Italian population comes out in force when either an Italian boxer or a wrestler like Carnera is on a card.

Pro wrestling is going like a house afire in Syracuse, says Billy Shaw. Promoter Pedro Martinez and his aid Billy Shaw, Jr. are staging action-packed cards that are drawing banner crowds. On the last card, Antonio (Argentine) Rocca and Tarzan (Killer) Kowalski wrestled to a draw when the 11 o'clock curfew ended their exciting match. Each had one fall over the other. Hans Schmidt and Verne Gagne pulled in more than 6,000 fans to see their legal mayhem with Gagne the winner.

The Don Arnold Fan Club has gotten out a beautifully illustrated wrestling brochure. Of course the Arnolds are featured.

Don, in a message to his fans, thanks them for the support they are giving to his club. Don, a former physical training instructor at the U. S. Air Force Base at Phoenix, Arizona, is a splendid example of the American athlete, scientific by choice, colorful in the ring and a most intelligent conversationalist. . . .

Gene Gordon, writing from Charlotte, North Carolina, informs The Ring readers that Antonio Rocco, the Argentinan star, drew a huge gathering to the Park Center Arena on Lincoln's Birthday eve when he tackled John Smith who is capable of giving the best in the game a tough time. After losing the first fall to the bearded wrestler, Rocco took the second with his famous drop kick and used a flying head scissors and a body press to win the match. . . . On the same card Sandy Scott and Ray Stevens put up a slam-bang battle with Stevens disqualified after he had roughed his man, punched him and put him out of the ring. . . . Marco Polo beat Harvey Lewis and rough and rugged Tiny Mills defeated Danny O'Shocker, a local favorite. . . .

Bob Utter, writing from Indianapolis, says that it looked like a rodeo in Madison Square Garden when Wild Bill Longson and the Zebra Kid engaged in a rough bout at the Indianapolis Armory. The referee intervened and called it no-contest during the third fall because of a disturbance bordering on a riot. Zebra won first honors with a body smother while Wild Bill took the second with a head lock and body press. During the third, three preliminaries wrestlers, Bob McCune, Billy Darnell and Red Lyons got into the ring and attacked The Kid and the affair was halted by the referee. . . .

The Dusek brothers are still at it. There is no let up in their activity. Ernie, now 42 years old, still competes around the country. He scales 248 pounds and has engaged in more than 1000 matches. Emil is 43 years old and sixteen pounds less. Rudy, the daddy of the group, heads a syndicate that arranges bouts and now and then takes a fling at the old pastime with which he has been affiliated for many years.

Says Ernie: *"I was wrestling when I was a boy of sixteen. I always figured it a lot of fun to be able to toss an opponent and I still do. Our family of seven brothers is a family of athletes.*

"Four of us have competed as professional wrestlers—Rudy, Joe, Emil and myself and we are all still in the game. When will we retire? When old age compels us to quit. Rudy, you know is 52 years old and often appears in his home city of Omaha. Jim Londos, the Greek Adonis, is nearing the seventy years mark and recently wrestled before 40,000 fans in Athens.

"Age doesn't count with wrestlers as it does with boxers. A wrestler can continue much longer in his field than

Mark Tendler, in the army serving in Hawaii is quickly gaining in popularity on the island. "Prince Charming" as he is known has been offered a movie career when he leaves the service.

Ella Waldek, a Georgia peach who is as tough inside the roped square as any and a sweet gal when not grappling. She is one of the roughest of the women wrestlers now in action.

do pugilists despite the fact, as I believe, we wrestlers take more punishment than do boxers."

How true. When a boxer reaches the age of thirty-eight, he is termed too old to continue. Recall what the sports scribes said about Archie Moore following his recent defeat by Floyd Patterson? In fact, New York and many other Commissions have 38 years as the maximum for a fighter to compete unless he receives special permission as was the case of Moore and Jack Britton when he made a comeback. But as a rule, the limit is 38.

Message from the Pacific Coast on former heavyweight champ Ed Don George, now living on outskirts of Los Angeles, one time top notch promoter in Buffalo, N. Y. . . . the flickers are about to make a production out of Ed. . . . By George it's okay and the rest of the mat world is also happy to see him get the break.

Paul and Adrian Baillargeon have laid a substantial claim to the world tag team title . . . hail the new champs! They defeated the Dusek brothers, Emil and Ernie at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium in two out of three falls.

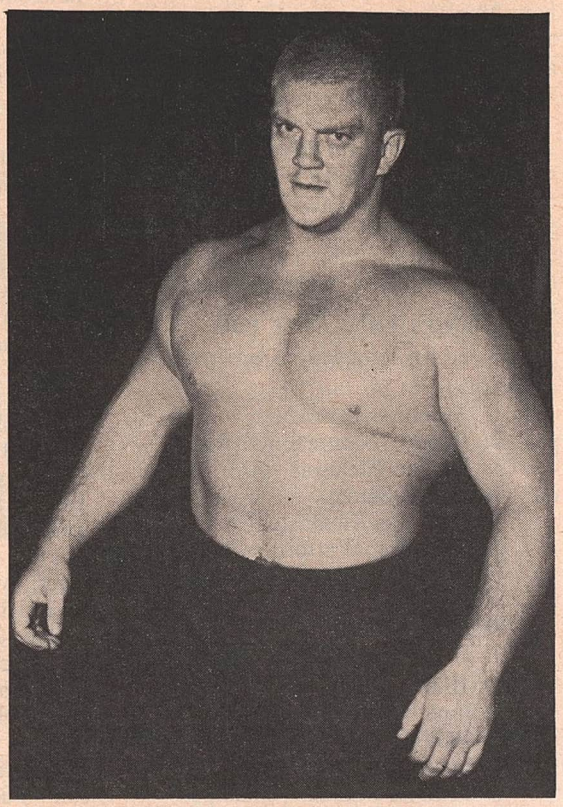
In Madison Square Garden's most recent wrestling show 19,995 . . . a record crowd . . . paid $61,250 to watch the rising favorite Ricki Starr of the Ballet Russe, among other ballets, pin the ex Green Bay Packer professional football player Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis of Chicago in 6:25. Starr made a pretty sight in his chartreuse tights and ballet slippers to match. He made a prettier sight doing ballet steps as well as a kind of grind and bump. But it all ended with the 250 pound "Bruiser" rendered hors de combat with Starr winning the match via body slam with all of his 210 pounds.

Antonio Rocca, shared the billing for top honors with Starr and won his match by pinning Chicago's bad man Hans Schmidt in 16:56 through the medium of his flying kick. After the ball was over . . . I mean bout . . . Rocca and Schmidt continued pleasing the fans with an encore, Rocca attempting to choke Schmidt until the latter decided he had enough of the unpaid bout and slid between the ropes to end matters.

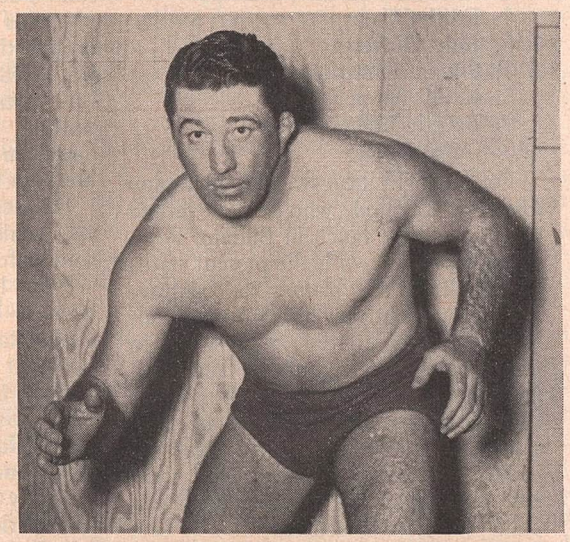
In an Australian tag-team match, Karl Von Hess and Skull Murphy—both meanies—beat Jackie Nichols and Len Rossi.

The Great Scott and Chief Big Heart drew; Dr. Roy Graham (The Hypnotist) won from Cowboy Don Lee and Jim Bernard beat Arnold Skoaland.

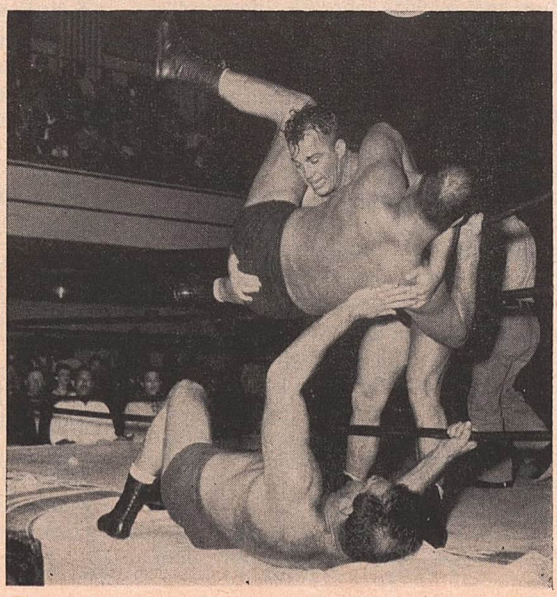
In another Australian tag-team match, Don Stevens and Wild Man Fargo, both sporting long blond hair, defeated Miguel Perez and Reyes Rodriquez.



Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis, ex Green Bay Packer lineman, who toes the Toledoes at 250 pounds and is built like an iron battleship. He has been a favorite in mid-west rings and recently made a popular debut at Madison Square Garden in New York City. He's a rough 'un.



Jackie Nichols, a New Englander, who has made a mark for himself with wrestling fans. A former all-around athlete at Boston Institute he has grappled in every major U. S. city and many abroad. Standing 5'11" he weighs 210 and is one of the game's real speedsters. (Photo by Bob Utter)



Ronnie Etchison tangled with both Sharpe brothers in tag team match at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium. His partner was Enrique Torres who shared in the disappointment when they lost the match to the Sharpes.

FAN CLUB CORNER:

The Ring is in receipt of letters on the following Fan Clubs that you, our readers, may wish to join. To do so write to the president of the club concerned.

The Greg Jarque Fan Club, President Janet Lawrence, 654 Fourth Ave., Lancaster, Pa. (She is also the prexy of the Judy Grable club). "Silent" George Hubert Fan Club, President, G. E. Wilson, R. R. Quincy, Illinois.

THE RING'S POPULARITY POLL:

Based on letters from our readers.

MEN

1: Antonino Rocca
2: Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
3: Ronnie Etchison
4: Rickie Starr
5: Karl Von Hess
6: Whipper Watson
7: Verne Gagne
8: Enrique Torres
9: Mark Tendler
10: Lou Thesz (NWA Champ)

WOMEN

1: June Byers (Champ)
2: Judy Grable
3: Penny Banner
4: Princess Moolah (Champ)
5: Edith Wade
6: Judy Glover
7: Gloria Barratini
8: Kathy Branch
9: Beverly Lehmer
10: Carol Cook

Former light heavyweight champion Clarence Ecklund, who is now retired and runs a large ranch in Buffalo, Wyoming, takes issue with the present status of wrestling. He blames the commissioners and politically appointed officials for the lack of interest in the game in most sectors. He points to the large gatherings that attended matches in the 1930 period and the popularity the sport attained at that time. Now through mismanagement and commission regulations the sport has deteriorated into a farce—an "entertainment." . . . so says Ecklund.

It is Ecklund's opinion that the youth should be given a chance to gain interest through the medium of matches where speed and science are employed. He points to the large number of boys in high schools and colleges who have taken up wrestling and the tremendous interest championships in the various lower divisions create.

It is the former champ's opinion that if the wrestlers were permitted to engage as in the days of Londos, Zbyszko, Browning, Stecher and men of their ability, it wouldn't take long to have the sport back on its feet, as popular as it was in pre-world war I and II days.

HERB GERWIG
BY VIOLA G. MAY

Every generation has its legends. Promoters are currently unveiling a newcomer to their territories. He's Herb Gerwig.

He began his athletic career in high school. It is a known fact that wrestlers are usually proficient in other fields.

Herb was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and it was while attending Forest Park High School that his participation in ice hockey, baseball and football drew attention to his athletic prowess.

It's almost unbelievable that less than two years ago Herb entered the ring for his first pro match and was somewhat of a sensation. Fans were thrilled with his performance. Proof are the matches of the past year when he displayed his ability and learning. At 6 ft. 1 in.—and 225 lbs. he has faced some really good ones. "One of the hardest to handle" Herb says, "was Hans Schmidt".

Prior to wrestling, Herb was a bricklayer. With that type of labor bar bells or weight lifting was unnecessary.

This 25 year old young man is neat in appearance, good looking, detests gaudy jackets or gimmicks. He prefers to wrestle in a scientific style.

Herb is strictly a family man. The family circle is complete with their one son "Tucky", just four and a half years old. It's a bit premature to say whether or not the little fellow will follow in his Daddy's foot steps. When ever he isn't wrestling, time and distance permitting, Herb is at home with the family in Baltimore where they have a home in a lovely residential section.

He accomplished his ring training and achieved practical skill in Cleveland before conquering new fields.

Now he is considering a lucrative offer to campaign in Hawaii. He is anxious to make the trip and the chances are good he will accept.

Herb is the kind of wrestler with a large following, who appreciates fair play. He'll wrestle clean, but when he becomes angry—Look Out. He has a variety of holds, counter holds and all the tricks. Mat injuries run high but lady luck has taken care so far.

A newly organized fan club in his honor and running in high gear, has Mrs. Mary Hasley of Marietta, Ohio, at the helm.

Herb loves to meet people and especially enjoys doing what he can for the kiddies.

THE PACIFIC COAST
BY ED BRIGGS

My thanks to Anita McElhaney for the honorary membership card in the Ramon Torres Fan Club. . . . Jack Gregory of Manchester, England would like to hear from stateside fans who would like to exchange American wrestling magazines for British publications. Jack's address is 289 Kings Road, Firswood, Manchester 16, England. . . . Undefeated Ronnie Etchison dropped

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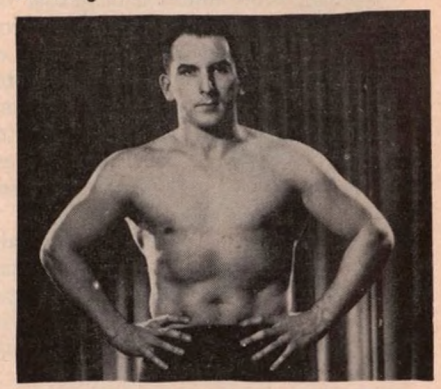
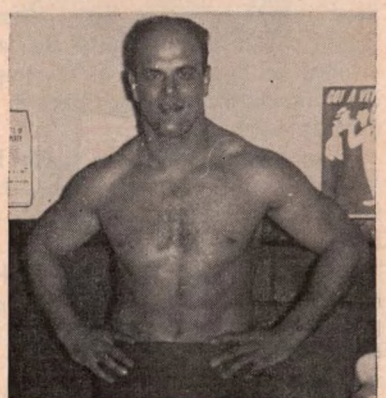
John Hurrle of Fort Lee, on bottom, lost a close match to Bruce Braun of Fort Myer, in a pre-lim match in a freestyle bout at the 2nd Army Wrestling Championships held at Fort Myer, Va. Hurrle did much better in the Greco-Roman style, winning the light heavyweight crown by defeating John McLean of Fort Eustis.



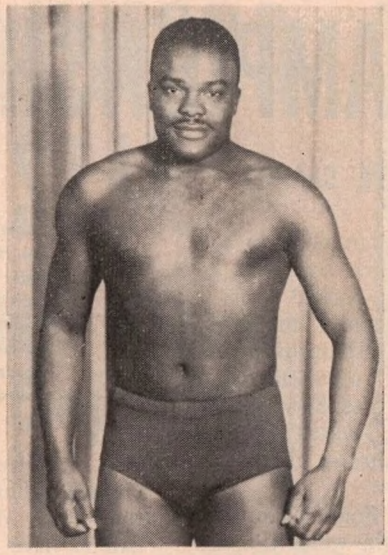
Herb Gerwig, a perfectly proportioned specimen, from Baltimore, Md., who has been gaining in popularity throughout the U. S. He stands 6'1" and weighs 225 pounds. He's a lad to watch.

June Byers gets a little rough with Kathy Branch, returning the "villain's" due as she wins another bout in her long skein as champ.



"Silent" George Hubert, St. Louis, Missouri, who is a student of holds and escapes and can give the best a real run for their money.

Bud Curtis at San Francisco's Winterland Arena. . . . New sensation on the west coast is young Keoni Brown of Hawaii. Brown bares watching. He's good and a real comer. . . . Lord Blears and Lord Carlton took the Southern California Tag Team Title from Ray Stern and Fito Romero at the Los Angeles Olympic. We wonder how long the two notables will stay together. . . . Negro heavyweight champion Bobo Brazil defeated powerful "Big Bill" Miller at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium, in a one hour contest promoted by Al Dermer. On the same card, Mike and Ben Sharpe drew with Pacific Coast kingpin Enrique Torres and Canadian strongman Adrian Baillergeon. . . . Greatest tag unit we've seen on the coast in several years is the flashy team of Ronnie Etchison and Enrique Torres. . . . Mexican flash Chico Gracia, a veteran of the mat wars is back in northern California. . . . Tommy Martindale is back in action in Oregon rings after a brief southern California swing. . . . The Riot Squad of matdom, Ernie and Emil Dusek are enjoying a string of victories under the Joe Malcewicz banner in San Francisco. . . . Nick Bockwinkle, college boy son of veteran Warren Bockwinkle has been earning main event billing in Los Angeles. . . . Johnny Barend defeated Bud Curtis at Stockton, Calif. . . . Wrestling fans may contact this writer at 4510 North Arthur Ave., Fresno 5, Calif. . . . Mark and Donn Lewin are earning a reputation as a rugged tag team in California rings. The two brothers are tough but clever individuals who are giving veteran grapplers a run for the money. . . . Seems strange that Pacific Coast heavyweight champion Enrique Torres has no club in his honor. We recall hearing of a club for the speedy Latin a few years ago, but haven't heard from it or of it in many moons. . . . Professor Roy Shire is turning back all opposition in California. The strutting Ohio flash is hard to beat. . . . Received a postcard from the rough and tough wildman of matdom, Antone "Ripper" Leone. The bruiser from Oyster Bay, N. Y., sends word that he is still amongst the living. The self styled "bad penny" of wrestling is truly a colorful matman, even tho he isn't the most popular. . . . Kurt Von Poppenheim and Ed Francis battled to a stalemate at the Portland, Oregon Armory. The referee called a no decision verdict because both men were bleeding badly. . . . At Boston, Wladek Kowalski stopped Buddy Rogers in a heated contest. Ramon Torres whipped badman Paul Vachon on another Boston card which saw Rogers hold ex-NWA champion Lou Thesz to a draw. Canadian ace Larry Moquin, one of the better speedsters in modern-day wrestling, drew with veteran Angelo Savoldi. . . . Indian ace Chief Kit Fox, who hasn't seen much action in the west, finally made it to sunny California where he is showing for booker-promoter John J. Doyle. The Indian flash is a big favorite wherever he appears. . . . Abe "King Kong" Kashey is back in action after a long lay-off. The rugged Syrian-born heavyweight clipped the feathers of Rocky Columbo at South Gate Arena in southern California. On the same card Kashey's protege Milton "Tiny" Moore lost a hard fought battle with Roger MacKay of Utah. . . . Sepia heavyweight Bobo Brazil really gets around. The giant Negro star defeated Lord Blears at San Diego, Matt Murphy at the Olympic in Los Angeles, Steve Stanlee at Pasadena, Ted Christy at Hollywood, Bill Miller at Fresno, Mike Sharpe at San Francisco, Ed Miller at Modesto, and teamed with Johnny Barend to beat Mike and Ben Sharpe at Sacramento. Quite a busy boy, this fellow Brazil. . . . At the Sports Center in Tucson, Arizona, Mexican flash Enrique Romero defeated Paul DeGalles and Dory Funk beat Henry (Otto) Lenz. Rod Fenton promoted the card. . . . Congratulations to matman "Wee Willie" Davis for his success on the TV quiz show, "The $64,000 Question". Willie stopped before he went too far in the quiz and walked away with a nice sum of loot. . . . Teenager's Idol Leo Garibaldi lost a disputed decision to Doug Donavan at San Antonio, Texas.



King Jack, who at 215 pounds reigns as the U. S. Marine heavyweight champion.

KING JACK, U. S. MARINE CHAMPION

King Jack, a husky 215 pound hunk of mankind, is the United States Marine Wrestling heavyweight champion. He has wrestled all comers in and around the Marine bases all over the world.

Jack was born 25 years ago in Washington, D. C. He wrestled barefooted because he feels more free to move faster. He has his toenails painted a brilliant red. His favorite foods are chicken and steak.

When he can, he wrestles in the various cities and towns near his Marine bases. He has a variety of holds which he learned from wrestling the great Ricki Dozen of Japan and the Sharpe boys, Rip Hawk, to name a few. His pet hold is the reversed back breaker. Jack carries his weight on a 5 ft. 11 inches frame. He was a favorite in Japan and on Okinawa when he was stationed there.

King Jack started his pro wrestling career three years ago when he was introduced to pro wrestling by Rip Hawk, of Toledo, Ohio.

Like Gypsy Joe Gonzales, King Jack loves to grow flowers as a hobby.

FORT CAMPBELL WINS THIRD ARMY WRESTLING CROWN . . .

Fort Campbell, Kentucky — The "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division have captured their second Third Army Championship within two weeks. The powerful wrestling team scored an impressive victory at the Third United States Army Wrestling Tournament held at Fort Rucker, Alabama. In the battle for the team crown, Fort Campbell's grapplers accumulated a total of 29 points, 22 more than its closest rival, Fort Rucker with 7 points. The Title was won just eight days after the Fort Campbell boxers won the Third Army Boxing Championship by an overwhelming margin, here at Fort Campbell.

Tom Hall, Don Wem, and Clayton Cravath, three Fort Campbell grapplers who were members of the 1956 All-Army Wrestling Team, won the golden crowns in their weight division. Gene Mullins, a fourth member of the Fort Campbell Team, and the 1956 All-Army team, took second place in the welterweight division after a nip and tuck series of matches throughout the four day tournament.

Clayton "Tiny" Cravath, Fort Campbell's All-Army heavyweight, scored two impressive victories.

Individual Results: Flyweight: Belch, Fort Campbell, runner-up uncontested; Bantamweight: Logan, Fort Campbell, runner-up uncontested; Featherweight: Hall, Fort Campbell, runner-up McCreary, McPherson; Lightweight: Thompson, Rucker, runner-up Nauman, Campbell; Welterweight: Arnold, Redstone, runner-up Mullins, Campbell; Middleweight: Wem, Campbell, runner-up Bohn, Rucker; Light Heavyweight: Mallicoat, Campbell, runner-up Tement, Stewart; Heavyweight: Cravath, Campbell, runner-up Robinson, McPherson.

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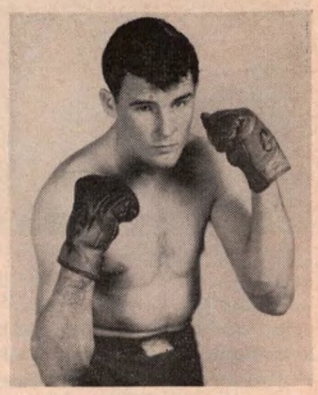
U.S. AF CHAMPIONSHIPS

By JOE SMITH



Outstanding fighter of the Mitchel AFB bouts was Dean Harrison, light-middleweight from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. His home town, Aberdeen, Wash., is proud of him.

THE annual Air Force World Wide championship boxing tournament at Mitchell Air Force Base, N. Y., proved to be a gala event with action-packed bouts as the best of the fly-boys stationed throughout the globe converged in the attempt to win their championship spurs.

The ten champions who were crowned represented the Air Force as a team and competed in the Inter-Service tournament scheduled for Newport, R. I., which decided the outstanding fighting men in all branches of the armed forces.

The blow-by-blow account of the Air Force championships were heard in service camps around the world through the facilities of Armed Forces Radio Services, with Gordon Bridges in charge, and with the aid of Fred Thornberry, JOC, USN, and Bob Beaumont, Army Specialist First Class, the engineer.

The base gym was packed for the finals. The first bout started with a couple of flyweights, Al Willis, USAFE Conference and Donnie Adamson, FEAF Conference. This bout got off with a bang as Adamson threw a hard right to the jaw of Willis and the end came within 1:05 of the first round. Adamson was crowned the new flyweight champion of the Air Force.

The second bout of the night pitted two bantamweights (119 lbs.), Billy Pisachubbe, Great Plains Conference and John Cerreghin, FEAF Conference. This bout saw blood almost from the start as Cerreghin kept after his opponent from the opening bell to the finish. Pisachubbe bled from the nose from the start but he was game as they come and continued to fight the best he could. The fans kept cheering the two boys on. Cerreghin not only won the decision and the bantamweight title, but also received a mouse under his left eye.

The featherweight bout (125 lbs.) pitted Ward Yee, N. East Conference, against Willie Thomas, S. West Conference. This bout was stopped in the second round by the referee when Yee suffered a cut over the left eye which had to have two stitches.

In the lightwight division (132 lbs.) a favored veteran of these championship bouts Bill Cherry, N. East Conference, traded blows with Essick Brooks, Great Plains Conference. Cherry won the bout with plenty of foot work and an Elvis Presley shake which kept the fans in stitches all through the fight (or dance?). Cherry was crowned the new lightweight champion.

In the light-welterweight division (139 lbs.) Fred Jackson, N. East Conference and James Richardson, N. East Conference, put on a slow one compared to the first bouts which kept the fans cheering. These two boys came from the same base, Bolling AFB, and had fought each other several times in the gym and didn't seem to want to hurt one another. But only one could come home with the championship—and that one was Fred Jackson.

After a short intermission the bouts got under way again with heavier boys. Welterweights (147 lbs.) matched 2nd Lt. John Granger, N. East Conference and Rife Matthews, FEAF Conference. These two men had plenty of bouts under their belts before this fight. The action started off slow but picked up as it progressed, as both men gave all

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The winning team of the All Air-Force championship was the (FEAF) Far East Air Force. Front Row (left to right): Rife Mathews, Kenneth Nichols, Jerry Wright, John Cereghin, Donnie Adamson. Second Row (left to right): Dean Harrison, George McCorkle, Bill Johnson, John Stewart, and Irving Berry.

MARSHALL CRAWFORD ALL-ARMY STAR

Gains top honors in best bout of Championship tourney at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Nat Fleischer, Ring Editor, receiving the 101st Airborne Division plaque at Fort Campbell, Ky., from the commanding officer of the famous outfit, Major General Thomas L. Sherbourne while Olympic Champion, Lieut. Peter Rademacher, looks on.

By NAT FLEISCHER

PROFESSIONAL boxing must turn to the armed forces for its relief in building new material if we are to judge by the calibre of the competition furnished in this year's Golden Gloves tournaments around the country and the tourneys staged by our Armed Forces. In almost every division in competition concluded recently by the enlisted men, the blistering action and the talent displayed was superior to the Eastern and mid-west Golden Gloves.

The writer attended the All-Army championship meet at Fort Campbell in Kentucky and there witnessed competition that was as good in many respects as what had been on view in the Olympic Games at Melbourne. The reason? Most of the entrants were boys who had made the grade in previous Golden Glove meets, in colleges and in service championships and were exceedingly well trained by officers who knew what was necessary to put the boys into proper trim.

Lieut. Peter Rademacher, Olympic Champion heavyweight; Lieut. Pearce Lane, another Olympic competitor; Sergeant Reggie Blair, M/Sgt. Gunner Lowenstein, Sfc. Harold Hensley, Sgt. Gerald Herbert and James Burroughs—all men who know the sport and know how to impart their knowledge of the finer points to their charges, put the boys in trim.

With these at the helm and the whole-hearted support of their commanding officers, this year's All-Army tourney was recognized as the best ever. As a morale builder there is no finer form of competition in the vast athletic program of the services and this was in evidence throughout the week, even to the enthusiasm displayed by Major General Thomas L. Sherbourne, Commanding General of the famous 101st Airborne Division and his charming wife. All but two of the ten bouts staged on the final night were humdingers. The meet came to a conclusion with a thrilling encounter between Marshall Crawford, lanky entrant from Japan who represented the Armed Forces of the Far East and Allen Hudson, Third Army contestant. Crawford who hails from Detroit, won. The loser is from Glen Cove, New York.

The bout was judged the best of the entire evening and so highly did I regard the work of Crawford, that the day following the bout I presented him with a special award, a beautiful watch as the outstanding figher of the tourney. Army regulations prevent any outside award, hence the reason for him receiving his after the meet had ended. The bout was judged the best and the winner the top fighter.

Crawford, who scaled 180, can easily make the light heavy division. In that class, were he to turn pro, I believe he would rate among the best. He is a terrific hitter and has

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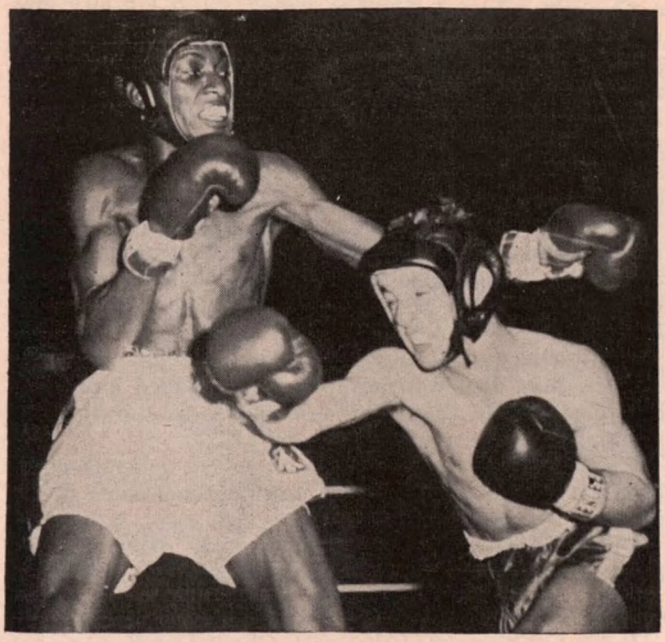

Fifth Army's bantamweight Leon Thompson (left) gets one in the midsection from Jerry Armstrong, Third Army, in semi-finals of All-Army tourney. Armstrong won the title the following night.

Marshall Crawford of Detroit, Armed Forces Far East, who gained the highest honors is here seen (left), crashing his left against the chin of Alonzo Small, Second Army, in a bout that ended in 2.36 of the third.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

IN this era of free-swinging, helter-skelter fist-fighting, a referee's job is becoming more and more precarious. Reports of officials getting belted by contestants are becoming increasingly frequent. We've heard of a score or more instances in recent years. Two of the latest accounts emanated from Hollywood, California, and Marseilles, France.

Out in the film colony Referee Frankie Van was officiating in a featherweight affair between Ricardo Moreno and Tommy Bain. Midway through the second round he was clipped by a Moreno left hook. Down he went. Aside from a slightly torn upper lip, Van suffered no ill effects. He was up immediately and on the job. It may have been fortunate for Van the bout didn't last much longer. Those lusty Moreno punches aren't things to trifle with, and there is no saying what the consequences would have been had Frankie been hit with another one. As it happened, however, the newest Mexican sensation relieved Van's anxiety by finishing Bain in the third.

Over in the bustling French Mediterranean port, Andre Esparraguera, veteran of 25 years' experience and nearly 5,000 bouts, was handling a brawl between two of France's top middleweights, Germinal Ballarin and Louis Trochon. During the eighth round, with fists flying all over the premises, Esparraguera got in the way of one of them and was knocked flat. He was too badly stunned to continue and a substitute referee, hastily rushed into service, finished the round. Esparraguera revived sufficiently to get back into the ring for the last two sessions.

Cases of referees getting conked, sometimes accidentally, at other times intentionally, have become fairly common in this post-World War II era.

ROUGH ON REFEREES.

There was one instance, in Vienna, when an Austrian light-heavy didn't like the way his bout was being handled and vented his displeasure by flattening the referee.

Another case was that of a young Scottish heavyweight, incensed at losing a decision in a Glasgow ring, hauled off and slugged the "third man."

We recall the erratic Peter Muller being suspended in Germany for using his fists too effectively to protest a referee's verdict not in his favor.

Those battling Buxtons of London, England, figured in a couple of incidents of unpleasant memory to officials.

On an American visit, welterweight Laurie Buxton was fighting Mike DeCosmo in Newark. They were tossing fists so energetically they didn't hear the final bell. The referee was Joe Walker, Mickey's brother and now New Jersey Boxing Commissioner. Joe stepped in to halt hostilities. Instead, he ran into a wild punch and was spread out, unconscious, on the canvas.

A year or so ago, Laurie's brother, light-heavyweight Alex, was battling Billy Besmanoff in Dortmund, Germany. As the seventh round ended, neither fighter heard the bell. The referee rushed in just as Besmanoff fired a left hook. The punch banged against Buxton's chin and Alex's head flew back, crashing into the referee's. Both Buxton and the official toppled to the canvas. Alex revived sufficiently to come out for the eighth round but the referee was too groggy to continue and another official, sitting in the ringside, was conscripted into service to finish the bout.

FROM ABE ATTELL'S MEMOIRS.

One of the most humorous incidents we recall concerning rough treatment of referees is the one Abe Attell tells. We've used the story before but it's well worth repeating.

It was back in 1913, and Attell was winding up his long, eventful career. Abe was boxing Willie Beecher, rugged East Side lightweight, on a sweltering mid-summer night in Arverne, out on Long Island.

In that no-decision era, it was no unusual thing for top fighters to "go along" with opponents. This was one of those occasions. As Abe himself tells it, the weather was stifling, the crowd scarce, and he couldn't see the sense in working too hard. He and Beecher decided to stage a nice, clever exhibition, with nobody getting hurt.

The clients, however, weren't satisfied with developments. In the third round they began to yell for action. By the fourth they were howling for the referee, Charley Draycott, to "throw the bums out."

Draycott exhorted Attell to "come on and fight." Abe did speed up a bit, but the fans and Draycott still weren't satisfied. Charley continued to demand more action, but it was on Attell that he centered his attention. He ignored Beecher, as though Willie were an innocent party. "Throw some punches, Attell," he'd say. Or "Show some life, Attell.". . . "Snap out of it and get going, Attell.". . . "Let's see some punching, Attell."

By the seventh round, the usually imperturbable Abe had become annoyed by the referee's constant nagging. He decided to do something about it. In a clinch, he whispered to Beecher: "When we break, step back fast. I'm going to let one go."

As Beecher moved away, Attell fired a right. It missed Willie's chin, as it was meant to, and thudded into Draycott's face. Down went Charley, sitting on the canvas, blood spouting from his nose.

Clambering to his feet, Draycott pulled a handkerchief from his pocket, wiped his gory features, and glared at the former featherweight champion.

"That's more like it, Attell," he snorted. "Now," and he nodded toward Beecher, "hit *him* with one!"

AROUND THE RING.

It has been suggested that with Cherif Hamia as one of the principals, a natural locale for the finale of the featherweight eliminations would be Montreal, a lively sports center

with a predominantly French population. The International Boxing Club prefers to stage the bout in New York State, but may be persuaded, for box-office reasons, to shift to the Canadian metropolis. Montreal has been a popular rendezvous for top French ringmen visiting here. In the last decade Robert Villemain, Laurent Dauthuille, Marcel Cerdan and Ray Famechon picked up sizable paychecks there.

It looks as though featherweight Ricardo Moreno, latest Mexican sensation, may be the new "Golden Boy" of Los Angeles boxing, replacing the tarnished Art Aragon. In his debut there, with Tommy Bain as the opponent, 20-year-old Moreno accounted for the first sellout in two and a half years at Hollywood's American Legion Stadium. The 6,300 paid customers (an estimated 3,000 others were turned away) contributed a gross gate of $24,000. All the fight world loves a puncher, and that's something Moreno ain't nuthin' else but. Ricardo, who did all his fighting in Mexico until this year, now sports a socking record of 27 kayos in 30 starts.

Speaking of encouraging business, the first big-time show staged in the Newark, N. J., Armory in nearly a decade—Vince Martinez vs. Kid Gavilan—also played to a capacity turnout. The final count showed 8,527 fans and receipts of $35,920.

Harry Wiley, one of Ray Robinson's trainers, has opened a new gymnasium in Harlem. Located at Broadway and 136th street, it has large, airy quarters, equipped with all modern training gear, and promises to prove rugged competition for the other pro gyms in town. Hogan Bassey may train there for his entry in the featherweight tourney.

A welcomed "international touch" was injected into the American heavyweight field when German visitor Billy Besmanoff (right) made fine impression in American debut by workmanlike job he did on rugged, aggressive Calvin (Bang Bang) Wilson at St. Nicholas Arena.

THE month's results:

After seeing him four times on TV from Chicago—in wins over Holly Mims, Rory Calhoun, Charley Cotton and Pat McAteer—New Yorkers were given an in-person peak at Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, and they liked what they saw as the shifty, fast-punching Chicagoan, 158, battered Neal Rivers, 157, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Las Vegas, Nev., into near-collapse in a bruising ten in Madison Square Garden. Short, stocky Rivers made a gallant try all the way but lacked the speed and versatility of his rangy, sharp-shooting opponent. Aside from the third round, in which Rivers succeeding in scoring effectively with left hooks to the head and body, the fight was all Webb's. The Spider's fast combinations had Rivers staggering in the fourth, seventh, ninth and tenth sessions. Smeared with blood from his mouth, nose and gashes above both eyes, Neal was near exhaustion at the finish. He was so tired in the tenth that, after missing a desperate left swing, he went sprawling along the canvas near the ropes. Referee Harry Kessler called it a "knockdown" and gave Rivers the benefit of a nine-count. Although he won decisively, Webb didn't emerge unscathed. Both his cheeks were swollen. It was the Spider's 20th win in 21 pro starts. Ike Thomas, 203½, Harlem, was a bit too ringwise for young Tony Gagliardo, 192, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Peter Schmidt, 142, Yorkville, outpointed Danny Russo, 147½, Brooklyn, and Calvin Davis, 153, Harlem, decisioned Al Avant, 155½, Philadelphia, in two other sixes. In fours, Richie Crump, 141, Bronx, drew with Charley Douglas, 141, Harlem, and Billy Taylor, 151¾, Hartford, Conn., won from Felix Machado, 148½, Cuba.

▶ Teddy Brenner's Youth Movement at St. Nicholas Arena again paid off when Hungarian-born, German-reared Stefan Redl, 142, celebrated his first main event by hustling his way to a clean-cut decision over the veteran Paddy DeMarco, 144½, Brooklyn, in a rough-and-tumble ten. Redl, now domiciled in Passaic, N. J., was too young and industrious for the ex-lightweight champion. In chalking up his 12th straight win in American rings, Redl forced the action throughout, and not only outfought DeMarco at long range but held his own at Paddy's own specialty—billygoating, wrestling and roughhousing in the clinches. Larry Napp, who doubles as fight referee in the winter and American League baseball umpire in the summer, had a rugged workout prying the brawlers loose from their frequent tangles and warning them for their unorthodox behavior. There were no knockdowns but DeMarco was pushed off-balance and dumped on his panties in the seventh. Napp ruled it a slip and helped Paddy to his feet. Nick Delleva, 161, Astoria, drew with Yvon Turrenne, 159, Montreal, in the semi-final six. In fours, Generace Armstrong, 159, British West Indian now living in Linden, N. J., outpointed Juan Pomare, 165½, Panama; Bobby Gilmore, 126, Paterson, drew with Joey Augustin, 127¾, Bronx, and Mike Castro, 143, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo over Sal Armato, 144½, Greenwich Village, when Referee Steve Belloise refused to allow the outclassed Armato to come out for the third.

▶ Feeling in need of a "tuneup" after a four-months' absence from ring competition, Rory Calhoun, 160½, White Plains, did himself and the local promoter, Al Goodwill, a joint favor by taking on Leroy Oliphant, 161½, Charlotte, N. C., in a non-TV ten at Westchester County Center in White Plains. It was the first time Calhoun had boxed in his home town as a pro, and even though the bout figured to be little more than a workout for Roaring Rory, a crowd of 2,100 contributed gross receipts of $4,750 for the biggest gate reported by the club in nearly ten years. As expected, Calhoun had no trouble winning. Oliphant fought gamely but lacked the equipment and experience to compete with the local slugger. The affair finally was halted by Referee Teddy Martin at 2:04 of the fifth when the Tarheel was no longer able to defend himself. Calhoun's win gave White Plains entries a winning 3-1 score for the night. Other locals to finish in front were Burke Emery, 167½, who grabbed a disputed decision over Joe Salvato, 165, Yonkers, in a slugging semi-final six; and Rudy Williams, 160, who outpointed Leroy Allen, 167½, Paterson, in four. The one loser was Tommy Nettercott, 133, who lost to Ralph Benitez, 136, Harlem, in four. In two other fours with no local touch, Frankie Grimes, 149, Long Island City, won from Silby Ford, 145, Macon, Ga., and Dick DeVito, 134½, Brooklyn, outfought Ed Johnson, 132, Newark.

▶ A much-needed International "touch" was injected into the anemic American heavyweight scene when the well-recommended German visitor, Billy Besmanoff, 194, made a fine impression in his local debut by outboxing and outpunching aggressive Calvin (Bang Bang) Wilson, 190, Philadelphia, in a hard-fought if unspectacular ten at St. Nicholas Arena. There was little waste motion in Besmanoff's modus operandi. The German showed himself to be a cool, methodical operator, setting his own pace and making every punch count. He displayed a fast pair of hands and used them well in combinations to both head and body. Built on short, stocky lines, Besmanoff not only revealed good boxing ability at long range but a talent for infighting, an unusual asset among Europeans these days. In the semi-final six, another heavyweight affair, promising Len Kenthal, 202, Washington, D. C., chalked up another win by whipping John Henry, 188¾, Harlem. Rudy Sawyer, 151, Harlem, grabbed the verdict from Joe Davis, 147¾, Brooklyn, in another six. In a trio of fours, George Corbitt, 161, Brooklyn, won from Willie O'Brien, 159, West Side; Al Anderson, 176, St. Albans, drew with Don Jackson, 180, Brooklyn, and the veteran Jimmy Ithia, 124, Bronx, turned in a fast job on Mike Serrano, 124¾, Puerto Rico, by polishing him off at 1:14 of the first.

▶ Bustling aggressiveness carried balding Paolo Rosi, 136, Italy, to a split decision over shifty but lazy Johnny Gonzalves, 135, Oakland, Cal., in a dull ten in Madison Square Garden. Gonzalves lost by his constant retreating, defensive tactics. He made few aggressive gestures during the bout, and permitted the lunging, free-swinging Rosi to bull his way through to the verdict. Main interest in the supporting card centered in the professional debut of Harry Floyd Smith of Harlem. Entered as a bantam, Smith was disqualified in the recent Melbourne Olympics by coming in overweight. He began his career in the money ranks as a legitimate feather, scaling 125, and celebrated the occasion by stopping a rival Harlemite, Bobby Jackson, 127, at 2:14 of the fourth. In the semi-final eight, Gene Washington, 158½, Elizabeth, N. J., whipped Joe Baglio, 157¾, Brooklyn. Mike Spatora, 136, Bronx, punched out a decision over Harry Bell, 135½, Long Island City, in six. In a pair of fours, Julie Jamison, 146½, Wappingers Falls, N. Y., was a winner over Eddie Armstrong, 141½, Elizabeth, and Jimmy Piper, 139½, Jamaica, L. I., decisioned Edgar Stover, 135, Bronx.

▶ After a remarkable series of successes, Teddy Brenner's "Youth Movement" at St. Nicholas Arena finally hit a snag when Rudy Gwin, 146½, Cleveland, was demolished by the veteran Gil Turner, 150¾, Philadelphia, at 2:19 of the fourth. Promoted to main-event status and his first TV showing after a brilliant amateur and army career and eleven impressive professional showings, Gwin shaped up well for one round. A neat boxer and snappy puncher, he made Turner look silly in missing several wild swings and stumbling into the ropes. Gil steadied himself in the second, however, and once he hit his real stride in the third, Gwin couldn't keep pace with him. Swarming all over his opponent in the third, Turner hurt the Clevelander with vicious body punches. Gil continued his savage assault in the fourth. Weakening Gwin with body belts, Turner suddenly shifted to the jaw. A left hook buckled Gwin's knees. He tipped forward, fell

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

WILLIE VAUGHN, 163, Los Angeles, entered the ring a 3-1 choice over Esau Ferdinand, 165, San Francisco, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., and William proceeded to prove that odds were justified by winning the unanimous verdict.

The scoring: Referee Dynamite Jackson, 98-93; Judge Frank Holborow, 100-92; Judge Reg Gillmore, 100-91. That tells the tale.

Both are former state middleweight champions.

Martin Coscino, 138, newcomer from New Orleans, made an impressive debut in the six-round semi, trouncing Joey Smyers, 137, L. A. The fours: Billy Thomas, 132, dec. Steve Limon, 132; Dave Midel, 125, TKO (2) over Al Rocha, 124; and Orlando DiPietro, 166, dec. Ricardo Montanez, 162.

▶As his name indicates, Larry Bataan, 126, hails from the Philippines; on the strength of his recent draw with favored Billy Peacock, Larry was favored to win over Vince Delgado, 126, L.A., at Hollywood Legion Stadium. He was lucky to get a draw with Delgado.

The scoring: Frankie Van, Delgado, 97-95; Judge Charley Randolph, Bataan, 96-94; Judge Abe Roth, draw, 95-95. The announced gross was $4475, a nice number for a TV show.

Bataan, with the edge in height and reach, started fast, rolled up an early lead with an accurate left jab. But as the fight progressed, short, chunky Delgado, nephew of Carlos Chavez, slowed him up with a body attack.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Alfredo Escobar, 131, former Golden Glove champ, stopped Mr. Boston, 128½, in Round 2. It was his 9th straight pro win. The fours: Eddie Gaspora, 132, KO (4) over Art Lopez, 136; Orlando Di Pietro, 167½, dec. Charley Earl 169; and Clyde Nettles, 127½, dec. Boots Monroe, 123½.

▶"There's a killer loose in the prize ring" and with these words, Sid Ziff, sports ed. of the L.A. Mirror-News, swung into a highly laudatory account of 19-year old Ricardo (Pajarito) Moreno, featherweight, who hails from Chalchihuites, Mexico.

The occasion was Pajarito's American debut; the place, Hollywood Legion Stadium; the opponent, Irish Tommy Bain. The result, Moreno the winner by kayo in Round 3, after administering a savage beating.

"This man is dangerous", Sid wrote—several times, in fact.

Well, any boy who can score 30 knockouts in 32 fights is obviously entitled to deep respect. Evidently his prowess was not unknown, for a capacity crowd of 6,300 paid a gross of $24,050, and Rudy Garcia, sports editor of La Opinion, estimated that 90 percent of the customers were of Mexican blood.

Many were turned away; scalpers reportedly got as high as $15. and $20. for a $2.50 ticket; and the newspaper reports of the people turned away ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime. Cal Whorton, L.A. TIMES, wrote that an estimated 2,000 were turned away. Sid Ziff, MIRROR-NEWS, opined that 10,000 were turned away. Mort Moss, EXAMINER, said that "3,500 surged angrily and homeless outside".

Anyway, it was a sellout. And on his next apperance here, Moreno will pack 'em in, beyond the shadow of a doubt.

I don't quite go along with Sid Ziff's extravagant praise of this kid. After 40 years in the business I've learned to control my enthusiasm until the fighter has been tested under fire a few times.

There was one incident that was funny to everyone in the house except Referee Frankie Van. Pajarito threw a left hook. It missed Tommy Bain, but it didn't miss Mr. Van; caught him right on the mouth and he landed on the back of his lap. An occupational hazard.

This kid may not be the greatest fighter in the world, but he's certainly the best drawing-card Mexico has sent to this country in many long years.

Herm Duncan, 128, dec. Bobby Robledo, 127, 6 rds; the fours: Eddie Asti, 147½, technical dec. over Vince Davi, 128; Joe Shaw, 133½, dec. Amando Martinez, 135; and Kenny Morris, 124, KO (1) over Enrique Llobet, 124.

▶Johnny Heard, clever Bay area battler, solved a vexing problem, through he gave his admirers some worried intervals. After being cleanly knocked out by Ruben Hernandez as Richmond, Calif., he insisted on taking on the formidable "butcher boy" in a return bout. This time he kept clear of Ruben's heavy artillery, and took a ten round decision at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Heard, 163; Hernandez, 165.

The first bout resulted in a five-round kayo for Hernandez, though Heard had been ahead on points. In the return match, Heard did most of his fighting in close, and Ruben was able to land but few of his long range bombs.

Jimmy Cosenza's promotion drew 2550 spectators, who paid $3572 gross. Referee Fred Apostoli scored it 98 to 95.

In a scheduled six, Billie Brown, 141, Oakland, TKO'd Russell Davis, 148, Reno, in the fourth. Bob Butcher, 203, San Francisco, stopping Nick Vasquez, 207, S.F. in the fifth. Hank Casey, 156, outpointed Johnny Houston, 163, in six. Joe Boy Charles, 137, halted Stanford Christy, 143, in the first round.

▶From Jerry Mullany: On March 17, 1897, a young San Francisco telegrapher named Allan T. Baum flashed out a ringside blow-by-blow account in Carsen City, Nevada. Principals were Champion Jim Corbett and Challenger Bob Fitzsimmons. The career of Baum, later a prominent news writer and sports editor of the San Francisco Examiner, came to an end last month at the age of 82. Baum's death was due to a lingering illness.

After Baum exchanged his Morse key for a sports scribe's typewriter, he was a leading boxing critic in the era dominated by champions like Ketchel, Nelson, Jack Johnson and Abe Attell.

For many years baseball held his major attention. He was drafted from newspaper work in 1912 to be president of the Pacific Coast League, a post which he held for eight years.

Baum again was a leader in full scale boxing coverage when he became sports editor of the S.F. Examiner in 1923. He retired from newspaper work in 1946.

P.S. from B.M.—Al Baum shared with me the labors of publicizing the Jackie Fields-Young Corbett III welter title fight in San Francisco on Feburary 22, 1933. A fine fellow, and I liked him a lot. His brother, Charles "Spider" Baum, pitched for half a dozen Coast League teams, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and others.

▶Colonel Paul Zimmerman, sports editor of the L.A. TIMES, sees off on the State Athletic Commission with some facts and figures. He points out that boxing and wrestling in this Commonwealth of California is less than half as good as it was ten years ago.

"It cost $201,209 to administer boxing and wrestling in California last year", Paul points out. "This was $70,611 MORE than the revenue received. You can be certain the deficit will be much higher this year."

"Take a look at the records," he continues, "In 1946 a total of 2856 shows (boxing and wrestling) attracted 3,930,588 spectators, and $4,914,322. at the box-office. The State's total revenue in the fiscal year 1946-47 was $291,505.

"Compare these figures with last year (1956) when only 1311 shows were staged, drawing 1,263,967 persons and $2,341,096. The State collected only $130,598. in the corresponding fiscal year."

"One of the gimmicks to bring back boxing when it was legalized in 1924 was that the commission would turn over excess revenue to the State Veterans' Home," the Colonel states. "Do you know the last time this was done? Six years ago!"

Colonel Zim was prompted to make the foregoing remarks in connection with the meeting of the commission to decide whether Cal Eaton is to keep his license as operator of the Olympic Auditorium. For the past 14 years, Eaton's shows, at the Olympic and outdoors, have paid the biggest chunk of that tax money to the state.

Hollywood Legion Stadium is exempt from the 5% state tax except when it goes into a partnership arrangement with the IBC, as it did for the Sugar Ray Robinson-Bobo Olsen fight last year.

▶Youthful Paul Armstead—he's only 19—132½, racked up his 13th victory in 15 pro starts at the Olympic Auditorium by taking the unanimous decision over Billy Evans, Pasadena gardener, 126½.

What made it unusual was the fact that Armstead took the fight on 24 hours notice. Originally, Mickey Northrup and Leonard Gaines were the headliners. Illness forced both boys out of the picture. Then Fugie Rodriguez and Billy Evans were substituted. The day before the fight, Rodriguez was bitten by the flu bug.

Armstead was nominated to meet Evans. He accepted the nomination. The vote: referee Tommy Hart, 98-92; Judge Abe Roth, 99-83; Judge Lee Grossman, 99-89—all for Armstead, of course.

Harold Dade's pride and joy, Artie Dixon, moved a step nearer to main event status by scoring a split decision over Henry Bronko in the six-round semi. Both boys weighed in at 161.

The fours: Bob Herman, 179½, dec. Terry Sorrell, 191; Clem LaCava, 129, TKO (2) over Freddie Martinez, 126; and Dennis Crisp, 147, TKO (3) over Gerald Hammond 149½.

▶Eddie Smith, Chicago, 163, was lucky to get a split decision win over Tiger Al Williams, 158½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Williams substituted for Charley Green, who had to pull out because of eye injuries suffered in training.

A strong finish by Smith caught the eye of two of the officials. Here is how the officials voted: Referee Reggie Gillmore, 94-93, for Smith; Judge Dick Young, 94-94, a draw; and Judge Tommy Herman, 96-95 for Smith.

Manuel Rocha, 149, floored Manny Castillo, 148, four times before getting his hand raised in Round 4, the victory by TKO. This boy Rocha bears watching.

The fours: Chester Ballinger, 147¾, drew with Vince Davi, 147¾; Johnny Hobart, 186, dec. Terry Sorrell, 196; and Glen Rogers, 168½, dec. Exter Wilkerson, 164.

▶Jerry Mullany reports: Newspaper observers called it the biggest funeral of a sports world celebrity ever held in San Francisco. The cortege for William Patrick "Bill" Kyne, spectacular racing and boxing promoter, held up downtown traffic for many miles, and at the cemetery, mourners' autos were parked solidly for four blocks. Kyne's death at 69 followed a long illness.

Boxing was but one of Kyne's interests, as his main promotion was the Bay Meadows race track south of San Francisco. But most of his pugilistic ventures were definitely of the major category. The biggest of these was the heavyweight title fight at the Cow Palace between Champ Ezzard Charles and a rugged S.F. favorite, Pat Valentino. Charles won on a kayo.

This bout broke all Pacific Coast records for attendance, the gate being over $165,000. (Later this was exceeded by the Marciano-Cockell gate in San Fransico, and the Robinson-Olson $230,000 gigantic in Los Angeles.)

Another big one under Kyne's financing and direction was a 15 round title encounter at the S.F. Civic Auditorium. It was the second clash between Ray Robinson and Bobo Olsen, Champion Ray winning a close decision.

Kyne, a veteran of World War I, was buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, just across the highway from Tanforan race track, in which he once had an interest.

Steve Tony, biggest and most recent fistic glory seeker from the Philippines, followed his other countrymen's precedent by fighting his first mainland bout at Stockton, Calif. Though the fight was stopped in the fourth because Tony had a heavy gash over his eyes, the Philippine welterweight champ was given the technical decision over Freddie (Babe) Herman of Los Angeles.

Officials gave the verdict to the wounded gladiator because Tony was ahead on points, and the injury was caused when Herman accidently butted Tony. Weights: Tony, 145½; Herman, 144.

A crowd of 1990 accounted for a $3745 gross gate. Only cloud on Promoter Willie Hunefeld's silver horizon was a crowd booing lustily because a fast-action bout had been cut short.

Score cards of Referee Pete Morelli and two judges showed 30-27 consensus for Tony.

Dom Sacco, 135, of Oakland, provided some novelty in the six-round semi-windup by frequently sticking out his tongue at a critical audience. Sacco lost the decision to Hector Bacuetes, 134, of New Orleans.

Outcome of fours: Bobby Gray, 130, dec. Rich Todaro, 131; Cleo Frazier, 162, KO'd Hershel Bailey, 163, in 4; Jim Duval, 145, drew with Irish Jim Flynn, 146.

▶ Word has gone out from Sacramento that it is useless to try to have a profitable boxing show unless volatile lightweight Joey Lopes is one of the principals. So, many weeks sometimes must elapse before an opponent can be lined up for the local favorite. When Joey faced Noel Humphreys of Charleston, W. Va., the turnstiles cliked to the tune of $4900 gross. Lopes won by a TKO in the second, as a result of lengthy cuts over Humpherys' eyes. Weights: Lopes, 134; Humphreys, 129.

Noel traded punches energetically in both sessions, though Lopes landed the most blows. Eye damage was noticeable after the first round, and when Humphreys's suffered a long gash in the second, Dr. Max Isoard would not allow the West Virginian to come out for the third session.

Hank Casey, 158, San Francisco, scored a fourth round TKO over Willie Lewis, 155, Sacramento. The melee had been slated for six.

In the fours: Leo Marino, 185, dec. David Ford, 207; Joe Loco, 138, TKO'd Johnny Guerrero, 137, in 1; Jake Avila, 117, stopped Billy Aguilar, 113.

▶ Billy Peacock, top-ranked bantam, stepped up into the featherweight devision to score another triumph over Rudy Garcia, this time by unanimous decision, at the Olympic Auditorium. The bout was not televised, drew a crowd estimated at 6,200 and a gross gate of $10,380. Peacock weighed 122½; Garcia, 125½.

On October 31st, last, Peacock knocked out Garcia in the sixth round of a thriller. This time the scrap failed to thrill the cash customers, but Peacock's margin was decisive. Here's now the officials voted: Referee Dynamite Jackson, 98-93; Judge Frankie Van, 99-95; and Judge Reggie Gillmore, 98-93.

Perhaps one of the reasons this fight failed to excite the fans was the televised ten which preceded it between Joe Abasta, Los Angeles and Leonard Gaines, Oakland. This one WAS a blood-tingler, action-packed all the way. Abasta won the unanimous decision.

It was so good, in fact, that the fans showered both boys with money at the bell Abasta, 142; Gaines 137½.

Abasta staged a red-hot rally in the last three rounds to cinch the verdict. The officials voted as follows: Referee George Latka, 94-93; Judge Frankie Van, 97-95 and Judge Reg Gillmore, 95-93.

In the semi, slated for six, Joe Chavez, 139½, stopped Questa Walker, 137, in Round 4. The fours: Jimmy Feaster, 134, dec. Norbert Galindo, 132, and Steve Limon, 130½, dec. Clyde Nettles, 126.

▶ A crowd estimated at 3,300 paid a gross of $4,340 at Hollywood Legion Stadium to see one of my favorite fighters, Lauro Salas, punch out a unanimous devision over Armand Savoie of Montreal. Salas, 130; Savoie, 134¾.

Referee Charley Randolph scored it 96-94; Judge Russ Bradford, 97-85, and Judge Jimmy Wallace, 98-94. Some of the scribes credited Salas with the edge in every round but the sixth, which was even.

There seems to be a popular demand for a Salas-Pajarito Moreno meeting—popular, that is, with everyone but Moreno's managers.

That's one I'd love to see even if (Heaven forbid!) I have to pay my way in. That's something I haven't done in more than 40 years.

In the six-round semi, Walter Tyler, 150, L. A., decisively vanquished Freddie Montor, 149, Tijuana. The fours: Orlando DiPietro, 166, dec. Exter Wilkerson, 164½; Clem La Cava, 131, dec. Andy Solis, 135½, and Manuel Jefferson, 151½, KO (3) over Eddie Jones, 151.

▶ It was not just another fight for Luke Easter, Pittsburgh, Pa., lightweight, but his first engagement over the ten round distance. Easter paced himself well and took the decision from Davey Gallardo of Los Angeles in the headliner at the Auditorium in Richmond, Calif. Each man weighed 134½.

Easter was far ahead at the end of the eighth round and it was fortunate for him that he had piled up a good point total. Gallardo made a whirlwind finish to take the last two sessions by a wide margin. The Pennsylvania youngster fought the ninth and tenth with his right eye shut tight from Gallardo's jabs.

Gross receipts for Promoter Jimmy Cosenza's show were $3,301.

Bob Scrivens, 181, Sacramento, stopped Art Wright, 186, Chicago, in three.

Bobby Scanlon, 135, an invader from Buffalo, N. Y., stopped Manuel Batista, 134, of S. F. Scanlon's rights put Batista on the deck for keeps in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

George Sullivan, 144, San Rafael, had his hand raised by Referee Johnny Lotsey when he TKO'd Joe McCloskey, 140, of Camden, N. J. in the first session. Warren Tinder, 134, dec. Chano Flores, 129, in 4.

CHARLEY (TOMBSTONE) SMITH

Tombstone Smith—who likes to clip guys in more ways than one (he is learning the barber's trade), was born in Waco, Texas, on April 1, 1933. For a fellow who made his "debut" on All Fool's Day, he's not exactly the one to fool around with, as his 22 wins in 25 pro fights attest.

Smith attended Moore High School in Waco, playing end on the varsity football team. At the age of 17—in 1950—he enlisted in the Navy for a four-year-hitch, serving aboard the cruiser Helena as a gunner's mate during the Korean War.

Charley first donned gloves while in the Navy, getting his start in smokers. He had 34 service fights, winning 32, about 20 by knockout. Admiring shipmates started calling him "Tombstone" after he had flattened eleven foes in a row. The nickname stuck and now Smith carries the "skull and crossbone emblem on his trunks.

Smith turned pro in 1954, soon after his honorable discharge from the Navy. His debut was none too auspicious. He was stopped in three rounds by Danny Perez. Then he begin to attract attention, and he's come in for a lot of it ever since. Smith has racked up 15 straight wins, nine of them by knockouts.

Last year, besides halting Perez, he defeated Charley Green and Dave Johnson to gain the vacant California welterweight title. In his last start he beat Don Jordan in a title bout.

Charley, who is single, makes his home in Los Angeles. He is preparing for the future by attending the National Barber College under the G. I. Bill.

▶ From Jerry Mullany, San Francisco: Ruben Vargas, former National AAU heavyweight title holder, has a high spot on promoters' notebooks throughout California. A good Mexican heavyweight would be a top boxoffice attraction, and the San Franciscan had won 11 out of 12 bouts as a professional. But Ruben's progress ran into a temporary roadblock in the person of clever George Kennedy, who outpointed Vargas in a ten rounder at Memorial Auditorium in Fresno. Weights: Kennedy, 193, Vargas, 188.

Gross receipts of the show promoted by Al Dermer were approximately $2,000.

Kennedy, a Fresno resident, was accurate throughout the contest with forceful left-right combinations, interspersed with uppercuts. Referee Frank Manfredo scored it 98-93 for Kennedy. Newspapermen had the round count seven, two and one even.

Marvin Marcus, 143, Fresno, stopped Joe McCloskey, 142, Camden, N. J., in the fourth round of the semi-windup slated for six. McCloskey was on the floor in the second and third sessions.

Results of fours: Louis Andrade, 163, dec. Willie Moon, 157; Nacie Walton, 150, KO'd Hector Garcia 144, in 2; Danny Edwards, 153, outpointed Al Vasher, 148.

Introduced during intermission was Marcel Thil, one time middleweight champion. Formerly of France, Thil now operates a motel at Tracey, Calif.

▶ Returning to the ring after an absence of nine months, Jimmy Palazzola, 164½, won the unanimous decision over Harold Dade's pride, Art Dixon, 161, at the Olympic Auditorium.

It may well be that Jimmy was somewhat rusty. Some gents of the press damned him with faint praise for his victory. This was Dixon's first 10-rounder.

The voting: Referee Reggie Gillmore, 100-93; Judge Charley Randolph, 99-91; and Judge Mushy Callahan, 96-93.

There were no knockdowns. A back injury sustained in training was responsible for Palazolla's long layoff.

Alfredo Escobar, 134½, scored his 10th straight win in the semi-final, a six-rounder, by defeating Amado Martinez, 136. The fours: Charley Rogers, 142, dec. Richard Carrisoza, 146; Chet Ballinger, 145, drew with Vince Davi, 148½, and Glen Rogers, 168, dec. Charley Earl, 170.

▶ There was a weird finish to the scrap between Carlos Ortiz, New York, 138, and Lou Filippo, L. A., 138½; witnessed by a crowd of nearly 5,000 at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Gross gate was announced as $5,764; not bad a-tall for a TV tiff.

In the 9th round, Ortiz, who had been floored twice in the 6th, nailed Filippo a solid left to the body and down went Lou. But the punch landed after the bell, and Referee Dick Young gave the verdict to Filippo on a foul. There was a prolonged conference between Commission officials, and they emerged with the judgment of Solomon: i.e., that it was a no-decision foul. That's the official verdict. The money was tied up pending a final decision of the Commission. They'll both be paid.

In the sixth-round semi, Monroe Ratliff, 175½, won the unanimous decision over the veteran Lonnie Malone, 171½. The fours: Boots Monroe, 124½, dec. Ray Avalos, 127; Del Ray, 147½, KO (2) over Ben Jackson, 147; and Frankie Belma, 144, dec. Joe Smyer, 140½.

▶ San Jose Junior College is only a short distance from the Civic Auditorium, scene of boxing main events. Willie Morton, a student at the college, is now San Jose's principal pugilistic prospect. Willie added to his string of victories by taking a ten round decision at the Auditorium from Freddie (Babe) Herman, veteran Los Angeles mitt artist. Weights: Morton, 141; Herman, 140.

Receipts on Promoter Don Chargin's ledger were near the break-even stage: $1,551 gross.

Morton, with a long series of knockouts, hit Herman often and solidly. But the veteran made Willie miss with intended "payoff," punches—then he would tie up Morton in the clinches.

All the statistics favored Morton—he won nine of ten rounds, and Referee Vern Bybee's scorecard had Willie ahead by 100 to 89.

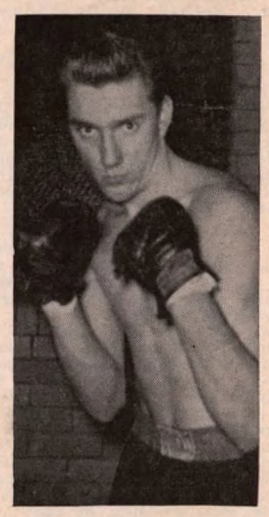
The referee's principal rule book problem came in the semi-windup. Bybee ruled the contest between Kid Sixto, 167, Mountain View, and Joe Neal, 166, Vallejo, a technical draw. He had stopped the contest at 1:40 of the fourth round when both fighters received cut eyes as the result of head butts.

The fours: Irish Johnny Flynn, 140, TKO's Al Garibay, 138, in 3; Billy Moore, 130, dec. Johnny Bermudez, 129.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH

Lew Jenkins, one-time world lightweight titleholder, gives a few pointers to son, Lew, Jr., at Fort MacArthur, Calif. Junior is wearing The Ring Magazine championship belt and the gloves his dad hung up after a brilliant and colorful career.



Pvt. John Walters, (left) a young Marine reservist, who hopes for a bright future in both the ring and the corps.

MAIL-CALL. . . . A letter about a young service fighter . . . Private John Walters of the Marine Corps Reserve in Pittsburgh, Pa., has only been boxing for four months and already has a fine record. Walters, is only 17 years old and 6½ feet tall and 147 pounds. His coach Johnny Windsor, former pro-boxer and baseball player, has high hopes for this boy after the Golden Gloves. But his future in this field is up to the USMC. John is stationed at the 12th Infantry Battalion, USMCR, N-MCRTC, 4902 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . (Have you sent in your letter yet?)

Short-Snorters . . . Louis (Baby) Jones . . . of North Island NAS, Calif. Last year he won the Golden Gloves title, San Diego AAU championship, Eleventh Naval District title, All-Navy and Inter-Service runner-up. Before entering the Navy he was Golden Gloves champ of his hometown, Rockford, Ill., for five straight years. His record: 52 wins, 7 losses.

Bobby Rogers, young lightweight from Hopkinsville, Ky., learned to box while in the Air Force in 1952.

Shipping-out . . . Joe Celentano, JO1, USN . . . whose reports have been read many times in this column and who has been Sports Editor of the AFPS for the past three years is now slated for sea duty again with the 7th Fleet somewhere in the Far East . . . we all wish him the best of luck on his new assignment and hope to hear from him real soon, with reports from the Far East. We'll all miss him around New York . . . the man who will be doing the sports round-up for the AFPS is no new hand at this work because he is an all-round writer for the AFPS and we hope he has as fine and successful career here as Joe enjoyed . . . he is none other than the Associate Editor Fred K. Thornbery, JOC, USN.

BENNING BOXING

Fort Benning . . . notes . . . coach Johnny Rivolta's 29th Regimental Combat squad won the U.S. Army Infantry Center Boxing Tournament early this year at Briant Wells Field House at Fort Benning, Ga.

They had a capacity crowd cheering the 29th on, plac-

ing five representatives on the post All-Star team which defended its Third Army title at Fort Campbell.

Results of this card was as follows: Bantamweight: Willie Williams retired Percival Williams (end of the second round). Featherweight: Frank DuBois retired James Rogers (2:55 of the second round). Lightweight: Gerald Owens decisioned James Carter. Light-welterweight: Charlie Alba retired Frank Gambella (20 seconds of the first round). Welterweight: Willie Johnson decisioned Guillermo Lanzo. Light-middleweight: Joe Whittington retired Floyd Humphrey (1:17 of the second round). Middleweight: Dave Weaver retired Bill Moore (1:20 of the first round). Light-heavyweight: Jesse Buchannan retired Alvin Hugley (2:05 of the second round). Heavyweight: Clarence Augusta retired John Collins (23 seconds of the third round).

KEEPING UP WITH JONES

All-Western Navy Heavyweight Champion . . . returns to NTC for his 1957 boxing season. . . . Although it was his first fight of the season, Louis "Baby" Jones was a strong favorite to retain his crown. The big heavyweight, who was a quarter-finalist in the U.S. Olympic Team boxing trials last year, recently returned to the San Diego Naval Training Center to participate in the 1957 boxing season. He is on temporary additional duty orders from the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego. He competed for the NTC last year.

Jones hasn't fought since the Olympic trials last October, but he has been working out since mid-December.

One of Jones' big problems is finding sparring partners who will or can mix it up with him in the ring. Last year he had several workouts with Archie Moore, world's light-heavyweight champion, who lives and trains in San Diego.

NTC boxing coach O.T. Lane says that Jones is the "best heavyweight since the late Ed Sanders." (Sanders was a former NTC boxer who was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1952. He was the only man the Navy allowed to turn professional while still in the service. He died in the ring in 1954.

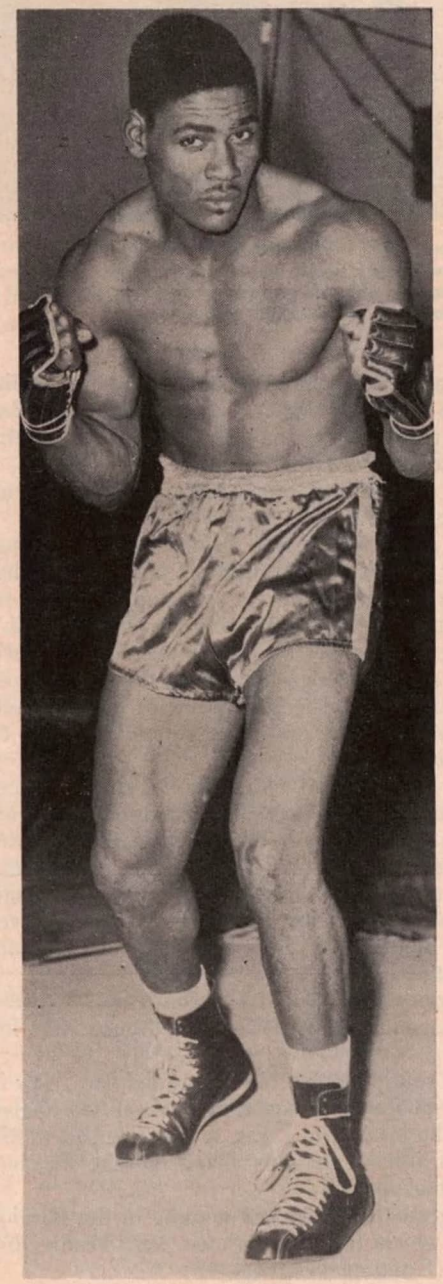
Lane believes that Jones ought to go all the way this year and take the All-Navy and Inter-Service crowns. Last year, in the Inter-Service competition, Jones defeated Pete Rademacher, who was Olympic Games heavyweight champion at Melbourne.

At the conclusion of his enlistment, in 1959, Louis "Baby" Jones plans to turn professional.

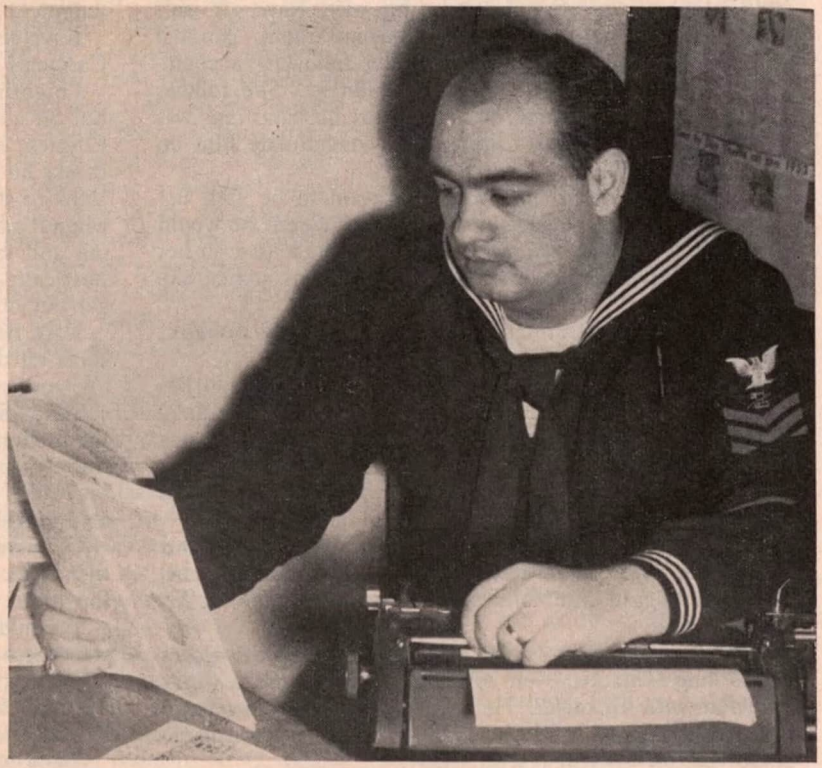
Still Champion . . . Former Lightweight Champ Lew Jenkins, now hard hitting recruiter at Fort MacArthur, Calif. . . . Jenkins was a hero of the Korean war and trainer of some young fighters today. . . . Lew is a career soldier who at this moment is a salesman for the Army's Reserve program at Fort MacArthur. Lew also will be well remembered by his buddies of the 25th Infantry, stationed in Hawaii. Aloha! from all.

Fort Campbell, Ky. . . . The Fort Campbell Boxing Team took an early lead in the Third Army Boxing Tournament as they won six of the nine opening bouts to score a total of six points in the elimination contests.

Fort Bragg followed with two points, winning two of five bouts. Fort Jackson had only one victory for one point.



Louis (Baby) Jones, (left) stationed at North Island NAS, Calif. Jones was last year's All-Navy and Inter-Service runner-up. Before entering the Navy he was Rockford, Ill., Golden Gloves champion for five straight years.



Joe Celantano, who has been sports editor of AFPs for the past three years, has been reassigned and is now slated for sea duty with the 7th Fleet somewhere in the Far East.

A CHAMP AND HIS MRS.

By
NAT LOUBET

A Victor's Affection. With co-manager John DeJohn looking on and smiling, Carmen Basilio greets his wife Kaye with a kiss as he walks out of the ring after his sensational knockout of Johnny Saxton in their Cleveland welterweight title bout.

WHEN Carmen Basilio returned to his dressing room after his sensational knockout of Johnny Saxton in their world welterweight title bout in Cleveland, the happiest person greeting him was his wife, Kaye. It isn't often that a woman enters the dressing room, jammed with photographers and newspapermen following a championship bout, but Mrs. Basilio is different. She follows closely the fighting career of her famous husband and was among the first to greet Carmen and congratulate him on his latest triumph.

Kaye had cut short her Florida vacation to be with her husband and share his glory for she was confident he would retain his throne and when the cameras were focused on her and the interviewers were firing their questions at her, she calmly remarked:

"This is one of Carmen's big moments and I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

To which Carmen added: "Being a world champion has its glorious moments, but I'm a home man and being away from my family is one of the hardships I must accept as a fighting man. I wouldn't be where I am to-day were it not for the encouragement and care Kaye and dad have given me. She's as much a champion as I am," he remarked.

Mrs. Basilio is mighty proud of her fighting man and she let the world know it when she fairly leaped into his arms and hugged him following the great triumph of his career.

"I'll welcome the day when Carmen hangs up the gloves but so long as he keeps on winning and isn't hurt, I won't interefere with his career. He knows how far he can go and I trust him to quit when he finds he no longer is capable of carrying on without fear of injury."

Basilio nodded assent and added, "Kaye knows that's the way I feel about my career. When I begin to slip, you can be sure, there won't be any need for anyone to preach the quitting game to me. Fighting is a tough profession. Let no one kid you that it isn't, and one must use his better judgment in deciding how far he can go."

Kaye listened, smiled and when asked to comment on Carmen's remarks, added:

"Fighting is a rough, tough way for one to earn a living, but once a boxer reaches the top through hard work as has Carmen, he owes it to the public to continue as long as he thinks he is capable and he is eager to carry on. I wouldn't think of standing in Carmen's way. He'll decide for himself when it's time to stop. As long as he retains the zest for boxing and trains faithfully as he always has to keep himself physically fit, I won't be the one to suggest or urge him to get out of the game."

Kaye Basilio is not the kind who locks herself in a room, shuts off the radio and television when her husband is fighting and awaits a message from him on the result of the contest. She loves to watch a fight, but she admits that the preliminaries are the ones she pays most attention to and that when Carmen boxes, she frequently shuts her eyes for fear of seeing him injured. But she does attend and sits in a ringside seat.

Discussing Carmen's career, Mrs. Basilio says that the two fights her husband had with Tony De Marco were his toughest.

"I couldn't get to my seat for the second fight so I saw it standing up. The man who occupied my seat refused to give it to me, though he knew who I was, so I decided to watch the fight from an aisle. I got a thrill out of that one, but I took a beating that night."

Asked for her great thrill, she said it came in the Basilio-Gavilan bout in which she and Carmen were keenly dis-

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appointed when he failed to obtain the decision. "I was sure Carmen won and so were most of the newspaper reporters. I was hoisted into the ring while we were waiting for the decision and I thought my heart would stop when the verdict went the other way. I cried like a baby when I got home and even had tears while standing in the ring."

How did Carmen feel about it, she was asked.

"He patted me, kissed me and asked me not to worry. When he gets another chance things will be different, he said. That's the time I knew I was married to a real champion and he has proved it ever since."

No place like home. Manager Mike Scanlon, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., moved his stable of fighters out to San Francisco where they all live on a boarding-house basis. At top, left to right, are fighters Richie Todaro, Bobby Scanlon, Rocky Fumerelle and leading middleweight contender Joey Giambra. At bottom, Mike and trainer Johnny Russo (right) prepare steaks and salad.

REST MEANS RUST

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seconds remaining in the fifteenth and last round, Referee George Blake stopped the affair between Willie and Max Schmeling in Cleveland, giving the defending champion, Schmeling, credit for a technical knockout victory.

HOUCK'S BUSY WEEK.

It would be an impossible task today for any fighter to approach the amazing one-week record set by Willie Houck during the pre-World War I era.

Willie and Tommy Houck were a popular brother combination operating out of Philadelphia, and in those lively days it was nothing exceptional for fighters of their calibre to operate three and four times weekly. This week, Willie, more industrious than usual, packed in no less than SEVEN bouts in six days, all with formidable opposition!

There were a half-dozen or so clubs operating in and around Philadelphia at the time, and Willie practically covered the circuit. Monday night he fought Freddie Kelly. Tuesday night he tangled with Frankie Daily. Wednesday was a holiday, so Willie did double duty, trading wallops with Eddie McKeown in an afternoon show and taking on Yankee Schwartz in the evening. By way of breaking the monotony, Willie left Philadelphia and hit the road for his next two outings. Thursday night he slugged it out with Prince Henry in Allentown and Friday night he was in with Tommy Ginty in Scranton. Returning to Philadelphia, Houck ended his week's schedule in a Saturday night meeting with Sammy Robideau.

Probably the most amazing record of all was the holiday triple-header engaged in by durable light-heavyweight Battling Levinsky to usher in 1915.

Holiday shows were popular in the trade then, and Levinsky made the most of that New Year's schedule. In the morning he went ten rounds with Bartley Madden in Brooklyn. In the afternoon he headlined a New York card with Soldier Kearns in another ten-rounder. Hopping a train, he tangled with Gunboat Smith for twelve rounds in Waterbury, Conn., that night.

Boxing was a rugged business with the old-timers, but they were a hardy lot and knew their trade. They realized the need of occasional "vacations," of course, but they didn't believe in frequent and protracted layoffs between bouts, nor could they see the sense in long, weary training sieges in the gymnasium. They were a practical crowd. Financially as well as fistically, one actual fight was worth more than two or three weeks of gym effort, so they kept themselves in steady circulation. No one knew better than they that, all too often, Rest could mean Rust.

THIS UNCERTAIN AGE

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Jack Johnson was another who may or may not have flouted the truth just a wee bit. "Little Arthur" insisted he was born in Galveston, March 3, 1878. Perhaps this is so but it is also true that his record shows he was fighting as early as 1899, and fought his last fight in 1926, and was still engaging in occasional exhibitions at the age of 67. Chances are he'd be around yet, a geriatric freak, if it hadn't been for the auto accident in Raleigh, N. C., which snuffed out his life.

Yet one more who comes to mind, one who fought a great number of years, was Chalky Wright. Chalky packed in the glove game in 1948 but we can remember him in action at least a decade earlier than that and even then he had been fighting for ten years. Chalky was born in Durango, Mexico, so it is rather unlikely that anyone ever went down there to rummage through the records to ascertain the truth. Wright claimed he was born February 10, 1912 but since there are records of his fighting as early as 1928, that would have made him a bare 16 when he started. It could be!

Perhaps there is a tendency for people to have an inherent resistance to believing others can outperform themselves. Perhaps that is why we wish to tear down. If a man says he is 40, for example, while it is small potatoes, perhaps, to insist he's a liar and really 42, human nature impels us to make the statement. Actually, we don't make the man really 42 but we do get some sort of silly satisfaction at chipping away at him, even if it is only in so picayune a way. But while we are all too willing to believe the worst of a man, even that he is lying about his right age, it is equally human to pretend to be that which we ain't. Sometimes, it is a pleasant fiction to rub away a few years or to pretend to having been a prodigy when the real truth of it is that we started a lot later than our memory is willing to admit. Whatever the psychological reasons, they go far beyond the purpose of this treatise which merely set out to prove, as Groucho Marx once said, "I'd horsewhip the lot of them—if I had a horse."

Babe Risko, Former 160-Pound King, Dies

THE "Decade of Confusion" in the middleweight division was recalled by the recent passing of Babe Risko in his native Syracuse, N. Y. Still a comparatively young man, Risko was only 46 when he died in his sleep.

The Babe was born Henry Pylkowski in 1911. His parents were Polish-Lithuanian extraction. When he turned professional in 1934, after successful boxing careers in the Navy and in "bootleg" shows in Central New York, he borrowed the name "Risko" from the popular roly-poly Cleveland heavyweight, Johnny Risko.

The Syracusan's pro career was brief but exciting. It lasted only five years, but the Babe met most of the top 160-pounders of the era and for ten months was recognized by the National Boxing Association as world champion.

There was no universally accepted champion in those days. Mickey Walker had relinquished the title in 1931, and for ten years the laurels were in dispute. In that decade no less than sixteen claimants were recognized by various boxing boards. Risko won his N.B.A. claim by beating Teddy Yarosz in a 15-rounder in Pittsburgh on September 19, 1935. The match was the result of a non-title victory scored by Risko over Yarosz in Scranton earlier that year. Risko was credited with a knockout when Yarosz sprained an ankle and had to quit in the seventh round.

Three months after winning the title, Risko was the victim of a sensational one-round knockout scored by the visiting Britisher, Jock McAvoy, in Madison Square Garden. Fortunately for the Syracusan, the bout was an overweight affair, and Risko retained his laurels.

The Babe lost his claim to the championship when Freddie Steele whipped him in fifteen rounds in Seattle on July 11, 1936. The following February 19, Risko was again outpointed by Steele in a 15-rounder in Madison Square Garden. His decline after that was rapid. In the next two years, he scored only one victory and two draws in twelve starts. His nine defeats were all by knockouts. His last bout was on May 17, 1939, when Lloyd Marshall polished him off in five rounds in Sacramento, Cal.

After retiring from the ring, Risko was named a deputy sheriff of Onondaga County, N. Y., and during World War II became a "walking recruiting station", as he described himself, for the Navy. At the time of his passing, he was sales manager in the Syracuse district for the U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corp. of New York City.

U.S. AF CHAMPIONSHIP

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they had. This bout was stopped momentarily while the referee tied Matthew's shoe. These two Airmen received a fine hand after the bout with Rife Matthews getting the nod. The fans booed the decision.

The light-middleweights (156 lbs.) pitted one of the finest competitors of the tournament, Dean Harrison, FEAF Conference, outstanding fighter of the night, and Osceola McClinton, PAC Post Conference. Harrison started off like a house afire with lefts and rights, not giving his opponent a chance to land a clean blow. McClinton just couldn't get through Harrison's cover-up. This boy was outstanding and the fans roared all through the bout and a standing ovation was given to the two boys. Harrison again came out the winner.

The middleweight bout (165 lbs.) saw 17-year-old Bob Harvey, PAC Coast Conference, and only in the service six months, pitted against a veteran of ring wars, with a record of 46 bouts and as many wins, George McCorkle, FEAF Conference. McCorkle, the better of the two boys, had a tough fight on his hands with this young lad from the West Coast. He kept his opponent on his toes to the finish and he kept going all the way. Next year Bob Harvey will be one to watch.

In the light-heavyweight (178 lbs.) division, Shaw Sylvester Banks, USAFE Conference, came to the finish of a great record of knockouts. He was halted by Bill Johnson, FEAF Conference, in the second round.

The final bout of the entertaining night also saw in action the gamest fighter of the night. John Stewart, FEAF Conference, the night before had sustained an injury to his leg when in a bout with 235 lb. Bill Woodson; he tripped and fell to the canvas, his 235 lb. opponent crashing down on top of him.

Stewart, who is built like a bull and hits like one and has a long record of winning fights, was pitted against another good fighter, Bill Daniels, USAFE Conference, and won the heavyweight championship handily.

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NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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FT. LEE WINS 2ND ARMY WRESTLING TOURNEY

After four nights of intensive wrestling at the Ft. Myer gym, the Ft. Lee Travellers routed all comers and walked off the mats with the 2nd Army Wrestling crown.

Fort Lee's matmen picked up five final wins in the Greco-Roman division to run away with the team championship with a total of 41 points. Ft. Belvoir was a distant second with 29 points.

Other teams scored as follows: Ft. Knox: 27, Ft. Eustis: 20; Aberdeen Proving Grounds: 11; Ft. Myer: 2; Carlisle Barracks: 1.

The double-elimination tournament featured both free style and Greco-Roman for a total of 78 matches completed in four days of wrestling.

Ft. Lee's captain and coach, Larry Fornicola, was named the tourney's most outstanding wrestler by the three judges.

The husky 147 pounder—a private—showed his skill by pinning every opponent he faced during the tournament. In his first four matches in both divisions, Fornicola pinned his opponents in 33, 45, 75 and 27 seconds.

Employing a panther-like attack, Fornicola circled his prey and struck when he saw an opening. After the initial take-down it was just a matter of seconds before he got the winning pin.

In his fifth and final match of the tourney, Fornicola took only three minutes and twenty-five seconds to pin his opponent, Ft. Knox's Bill Golden.

Second Army officials—impressed with Fornicola's terrific showing—named him head coach of the 2nd Army team which trained at Ft. Myer before going to Ft. Bliss, Tex., for the All-Army Wrestling Tournament which ended on March 15.

Fornicola, the Ft. Lee free style and Greco-Roman champ in the Welter class, is the 1955 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association lightweight champion and the 1955 NCAA champ in 137 pounds division. He is a graduate of Penn State University, University Park, Pa., and lives in Bellefonte, Pa. He is general supply specialist at Ft. Lee, Va.

Jim Haggerty, Ft. Belvoir, was named assistant coach of the 2nd Army Wrestling team.

Greco-Roman: Flyweight, 114 lbs.—Danny Carey, Ft. Lee, pinned Jim Yamauchi, Ft. Belvoir in 3:45. Bantamweight, 125 lbs.—Don Becker, Ft. Lee, decisioned John Brodbeck, Ft. Knox. Featherweight, 136 lbs.—Garry Ingraham, Ft. Knox, pinned Roy Cather, Ft. Lee in 1:30. Lightweight, 147 lbs.—Larry Fornicola, Ft. Lee, pinned Bill Golden, Ft. Knox, in 3:25. Welterweight, 160 lbs.—Pete Christ, Ft. Knox, decisioned Tom Miller, Ft. Eustis. Middleweight, 174 lbs.—Eliot Smith, Ft. Belvoir, pinned Joe Vigliotti, Ft. Knox, in 1:05. Light-Heavyweight, 191 lbs.—John Hurrle, Ft. Lee, decisioned John McLean, Ft. Eustis. Heavyweight, over 191 lbs.—Manuel Colston, Ft. Lee, pinned Horton Kinder, Ft. Belvoir, in 7:25.

Freestyle: Flyweight, 114 lbs.—Danny Carey, Ft. Lee, pinned Jim Yamauchi, Ft. Belvoir, in 4:30. Bantamweight, 125 lbs.—Bob Perry, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, decisioned Don Becker, Ft. Lee. Featherweight, 136

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SHORT ON JACKIE NICHOLS
By Bob Utter

One of the nicest guys to ever lace on a pair of mat shoes who still is going strong after nearly 20 years in the cauliflower business is Jackie Nichols.

A former all-around athlete in high school and at Boston Institute, Nichols has a spectacular style and a huge catalog of holds.

Nichols was born in Maine and is of Irish, Scotch and Indian parentage. Living around logging camps most of his life, he naturally went in for hunting and fishing and during his spring vacation from school, Jackie would help cut logs and pulp wood.

He attended Richmond Academy where he was an all-around star in football, track and basketball.

A former world's heavyweight champion, Ed Don George, took a liking to Nichols and taught him leverage along with two or three dozen holds.

Since turning to pro grappling, Jackie has wrestled main events in every major wrestling city in the United States. He has also met the best in England, France, Greece, Turkey, India, Australia, Mexico and Canada.

He won the world's light-heavyweight crown from Wild Red Berry but gave it up because of weight problems.

Weighing 210 pounds and standing 11-inches over the 5-foot mark, Nichols is one of the real speedsters of the ring. He can dropkick with the best and has endurance to burn. Jackie has met all the big names from the Chick brothers, Bobby and Dude, to Baron Leone.

SHORT ON ELLA WALDEK
By Bob Utter

Ella Waldek is the nearest thing to Lou Thesz. Meaning . . . she's smart, rough and knows plenty of wrestling.

During her sophomore year in high school, Ella decided to leave school and help the war effort. She entered a war plant and took a job working with a test pilot group, checking instruments while the craft was in action. While testing a B24 bomber, fire broke out and she was badly burned.

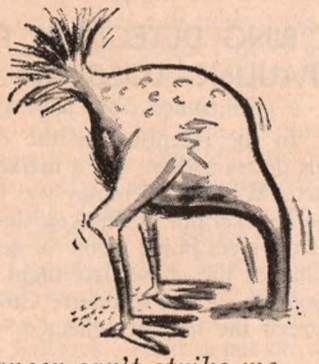
Until her injury Ella was playing softball with the Bailey Bombers and participating in roller derby action on the side. A wrestling promoter in Atlanta, Ga., saw the blonde in action, liked her mauling brawling style and persuaded her to go into wrestling.

Weighing 140-pounds and measuring 5-feet 5-inches in height, Miss Waldek, a 25-year-old bundle of personality, is perhaps the most ring-wise girl in wrestling . . . next to Byers and Thesz.

She has wrestled all over the country including Cuba and South America. Her style keeps her in constant demand by all headline promoters. Ella is a "Pier 6" artist from the old school.

Bowling and swimming are her hobbies and steak and chocolate cake her top foods.

Vic Toweel (right), former world bantamweight champion, with Erie Moolman, "The Ring" correspondent for South Africa, after Toweel made a brief return to the mitt world, appearing in an exhibition bout.



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"ANY CALLS WHILE I WAS OUT?"

"RING DETECTIVE" PUTS PAULINO LOSS ON PAN

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"In the reception by the crowd of this decision there was a marked difference. Whereas Dempsey was hailed as the knocker out of Sharkey, despite the many voices raised feebly in dissension, many of the crowd last night roundly booed the action of referee Crowley, although the majority cheered."

THREE WARNINGS BY CROWLEY PRECEDED DISQUALIFICATION

Crowley had given the Basque three warnings before the disqualification. The first time, a wild right was the reason. The second time, a similar blow aroused the ire of the referee. Once more Crowley shouted, "Keep them up" to Paulino, when the Basque sought the body, missed, clinched, and then unleashed left and right near the belt line.

Then the foreign heavyweight, with head resting on Delaney's shoulder, sent in a righthander which Crowley regarded as sufficiently low and damaging to merit disqualification.

Let us return to the Dawson story. He said, "Delaney won every round, up to and including that portion of the seventh before the end came.

"He won the rounds because he knows more about boxing in a minute than Paulino could know in a year.

"He was subjecting Paulino to a lacing which was conclusive, although not altogether destructive, in a bout which was one-sided yet offered a satisfactory spectacle because it was being savagely, desperately waged and because the under dog, Paulino, was gaining daring and momentum as his rival appeared to be weakening.

"The bout's finish was the only marring feature. Delaney was not hurt by the illegal blows any more than Sharkey was hurt by those of Dempsey, and there was nearly unanimity of opinion that since Delaney was not incapacitated, the fight should have been permitted to proceed. But a foul is a foul, irrespective of its effect in maiming the recipient."

DISQUALIFICATION UNJUSTIFIED EXCEPT ON CONVINCING EVIDENCE

Quite true. A foul is a foul, and the book says nothing about the referee's being guided by the force and damaging effect of the blow.

But, especially in so important a fight as that in which Delaney and Paulino were involved, disqualification does not come except on very convincing evidence.

The first three rounds of that 1927 fight were all Delaney. Jack gave the Basque the rapier, he gave him the counterpunch, he gave him a lesson in the fine art of hit and get away.

In the fourth, Paulino hurt Jack with a smashing right to the body. The next round saw Delaney cut Uzcudun's lips with slashing lefts. But the Basque never stopped coming in. He sent right to the body, left to the body, a few more rights.

DELANEY NEVER DID MAKE PROGRESS AMONG HEAVYWEIGHTS

The sixth round was all Delaney. But, while he was piling up the points, he was not really hurting his man. The Basque was cut a lot and bled profusely. But Delaney could not cut him down, or discourage his rushing tactics.

Then came the seventh, and the fight was finished, with Delaney announced by Richard as an entry in the heavyweight tournament.

Even as Delaney was eliminating Paulino, the stage was being set in Chicago for the return fight between Tunney and Dempsey.

As things turned out, Gene beat the Manassa Mauler a second time, and before long he had retired, undefeated, and paved the way for the succession of events which made Sharkey, Carnera, Baer, Braddock and Louis champions of the world.

Delaney gradually faded out of the fistic picture, with head injuries which had much to do with his ultimate death.

Paulino, who had a title shot at Carnera in Rome, never was a fighter of championship calibre.

BASILIO WANTS FULLMER

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making Johnny wobbly with the first left hook I crashed against his jaw.

Carmen was relentless in his two-fisted barrage. Through every second of the short-lived period of fighting, he made most of those TNT hooks count.

Only a few punches were exchanged in the opening frame before Saxton found himself in an uncomfortable condition from hooks to head and body, uppercuts and crashing punches that came from all sides as Carmen pushed his advantage. It was a contest short but sweet so far as Basilio and the spectators were concerned. The action was of the type that satisfies and the crowd gave vent to its feelings with continuous applause.

Most of the damage inflicted on Saxton came as he was against the ropes trying futily to block the attack. Lefts and rights struck home with viciousness. Before Johnny could get in the open again, he suffered heavily from the body assault and showed it as his returns were weak, the sting of his usually effective jabs was gone and blood oozed from a deep cut on his lower lip. He showed heart, however, plenty of it in taking all thrown at him, but little more.

BASILIO'S BEST PERFORMANCE

It was Basilio's greatest performance and the first in which he left the arena without any scars of battle showing. He was physically perfect, prepared for a quick ending performance, he told the scribes. The right hand which had been injured and caused a postponement of the original date for the fight, wasn't favored any. He didn't use it as frequently as he did his clouting left, but often enough to prove it had healed perfectly.

A left hook to the jaw in the first thirty seconds of the opening round dressed Johnny up for what was to follow and a left hook to the jaw in the following round ended the contest. Both were perfectly executed. The impact of the first hurled Saxton's head backward and the second put him flat on his back from which position he manoeuvered himself into position to rise but his fingers were still touching the canvas as Referee Tony Le Branch waved the fatal ten.

As Saxton walked to his corner for the opening round rest period, Basilio's seconds noted his unsteadiness and instructed Basilio, "go out and get him. Settle it quickly. Down below. Keep at his stomach."

Basilio followed the instructions. At the bell he rushed forth in a crouching position and let fly a left for the midsection. The objective was reached. Quickly followed several hooks that forced Saxton to retreat to the ropes. There he became a target for more punishment.

A long right to the head jarred Johnny as he leaped to the side to get away from the ropes, and then followed a left to the jaw and Johnny again was a target against the ropes. Carmen was at him like a flash and the attack continued. He became a tiger as he went after his prey repeating the previous attack without taking much in return although twice in the opening frame he did back away from Saxton as Johnny connected with right crosses, the two hardest punches the challenger had landed in the fight.

The punch that ended the fight was a beauty. It carried everything that a good left hook, landed with proper leverage and speed, is supposed to have. It came after Carmen had propped his adversary against the hempen and pounded Johnny with machine-like precision and power, weakening him for the coup-de-grace. He fell flat on his back and Jimmie Lee, the timer, started the count.

It was picked up at five by Referee Le Branch and at eight Saxtion gamely tried to get to his feet. Le Branch had waved his hands indicating the completion of the count as Saxton got to his feet a second too late.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS CAUGHT "IN THE WEBB"

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Webb. "I was real mad. Then Elby came into my dressing room and said 'I think they gave the wrong decision. If I lose I sure hope I don't lose any like that.'

"That only made me madder. If it wasn't for Carl Nelson I would have blown my stack. He told me 'you're in the big stuff now and you've got to act like a big fellow. This isn't college any more. Sometimes these things happen but you've got to take it as it comes and keep going.'

"Of course, Carl was right. So I learned something, too, in my second defeat."

Webb rebounded to win 10 in a row, including two big ones over veteran Jimmy Martinez and a six round kayo of Bobby Boyd. The win over Boyd was scored on March 17, 1954. It was Spider's sixth straight kayo triumph. Then Uncle Sam tapped the Spider for service.

He spent two years in the army. He served 11 months in Germany with the 1st Division Combat Engineers and finished up in the states at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He was one of the Division's boxing coaches. The other was Charlie Joseph, now a ranking middleweight.

Discharged in April, 1956, the Spider went back into training under Nelson. On May 16, the ring rust scraped away, he resumed his winning ways, stopping Irwin Thack in the first round. Then followed a six round decision over George Boddie and a 10-round verdict over experienced and high ranking Holly Mims. The latter victory earned him nationwide attention.

He proved the Mims' win was no fluke on Aug. 29 by edging hitherto undefeated Rory Calhoun in an exciting battle in Chicago. Two of the officials had the Spider ahead by one slim point while Referee Joey White had him in front by two. It was that close.

Webb proved in that pulsating fight that he could take a punch. It looked like he was doomed in the third round when Calhoun, a powerful, muscular 162-pounder, caught him with a sledgehammer right to the jaw. Rory, who had won 23 straight, was so certain that he had nailed the Spider for keeps that he turned and walked to a neutral corner. The Spider, however, bounced off the ropes like he was in a sling-shot and tore after Calhoun. They mixed it up so vigorously that both were punching after the bell.

After Calhoun, Webb hung up decisions over Charlie Cotton and Charley Green and then closed out '56 with a two round TKO over England's Pat McAteer.

Recently, the upclimbing Spider spun a web around eighth-ranking Neal Rivers at Madison Square Garden, winning the ten round decision in lop-sided fashion. The bout was savagely fought, with Webb's slick speed and punching power telling heavily in the closing rounds as he battered the game, blood-smeared Rivers into helplessness. In the final stanza, Rivers, thoroughly exhausted from the accumulation of punches, fell to the canvas to take a nine-count. This victory stretched Webb's gaudy string to eighteen straight and cemented his position among the first four leading contenders for Fullmer's title. In his latest fight Webb won a close decision over Wilf Greaves to retain his high ranking.

The Spider rates his fights with Calhoun and Green as his toughest.

"That Calhoun, he's like they say Marciano was—he hurts you every time he hits you," said Webb. "He's a clubbing puncher. He has no finesse yet, he's not too much of a boxer, but he's a terrific puncher. Green, I think, was even tougher. He's a very good puncher, too, and he knows what he's doing in there all the time."

Although Calhoun's trainer, tiny Charley Goldman, thought Rory beat Webb, he gained a lot of respect for the collegian.

"He's clever and a very good all-around fighter," said the little man with the derby. "He showed, too, that he can take a hard punch and had excellent recuperative power."

Webb, who married a hometown girl, Mary Anne Moore of Tulsa, not long after his army discharge, left college when he had only a half semester to go for his degree in physical education. He hopes to finish school "after I win the title."

"I liked it very much at Pocatello," said Webb. "I want to go back there and get my degree. Later maybe, Milt Holt will be moved up to Athletic Director and I might get to be the boxing coach."

Asked how he happened to go to Compton and later to Idaho State, Webb said he owed it to Ed Sanders, the 1952 Olympic heavyweight champion who died on Dec. 12, 1954 following injuries suffered in a kayo by Willie James.

"I was the only one of 11 kids that survived in our family," said Spider, taking the story to its beginning. "I don't know exactly what happened to them all. My mother had to work hard and I did a lot of fighting in the streets in Tulsa and later in Los Angeles. My uncle, Willie Roundtree, brought me to Los Angeles to live with him. My mother came later.

"I wasn't a bad kid, just roguish. I did all right in school. But I used to fight all the time. You know how kids are. I would lick one guy and then they would bring another guy around and I would have to fight him. I never got hurt by fists but one day I got stabbed in the eye and I almost lost the eye.

"I used to go around with Ed Sanders' younger brother, Donald. One day Ed said to me 'you should cut out that street fighting. One of these days you're going to get killed.' He talked me into going to Compton where he was going. Almost all the kids I knew went to Compton. I went there as a football player—a halfback. There I put on my first boxing gloves.

"Ed talked me into going out for the team. I won everything. Later Ed went to Idaho State and had me invited to box in a tournament there. I won it and I was offered a scholarship there. I was offered scholarships too, by ULCA and Southern California but I decided on Idaho State. I never was sorry. It's real wonderful there. Some day I'm going back there to finish up and maybe stay."

One more question, Spider, how come the nickname?

"When I first went to Compton, one of the fellows on the college paper saw me in action. I was all arms then, swinging away like mad. He said I moved like a spider. So there you have it."

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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Mexican fans also have a happy faculty for tagging colorful nicknames onto their ring gladiators. Little Raul Macias, topflight bantamweight, is known everywhere as Raton, which means "Little Mouse." Ricardo Moreno, fast-climbing featherweight, is called Pajarito, which means "The Bird." There also is one down there called "The Flea," but we don't know the Spanish word for same.

Here's another Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson story. It was told by his manager, Lippy Breidbart, to Barney Nagler, of the Morning Telegraph, who quoted Lippy as follows:

"Remember the good shape Jackson was in when he fought Ezzard Charles? Tell you how I did that. I got him some kites. That's right, kid's kites. He flew them kites all the time, running up and down the road in front of Ehsans' Camp over in New Jersey.

"People said, 'Lippy, why don't you tell him he can't fly a kite without wind?' I told them to mind their own business. If I told him he can't fly no kite without wind, he stops running. Then he don't get the roadwork he needs. So I don't put him wise. I just let him run and run, trying to fly that kite, and he gets in great shape for Charles. I bought a whole supply of those kites for his next fight so I hope nobody tips him off about the wind."

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND: Boxing hit the upgrade in Jersey with the Golden Gloves, the huge turnout for the Martinez-Gavilan fight in the Newark Armory and the special fashion show staged in the Five Hundred Club in Atlantic City that featured a ten round bout between Chico Vejar, of Stamford, Conn., and Pat Manzi, of Syracuse, N. Y. All those who attended, by invitation only, wore full dress including the press and officials. Even referee Joe Mangold worked in a tux. Shades of the London Sporting Club.

The steady climb up the heavyweight ladder by Linden's Harold Carter was halted when he lost a duke to Uncle Sam. Harold was inducted into the Army on Feb. 27th; leaving Vince Martinez as New Jersey's only top line fighter.

Paul Cavilier, Jr., son of the top referee, has opened his law office in Paterson. A graduate of St. Peter's college and Seton Hall law school, he is wished well by all of us in the boxing game.

Eddie Dixon, rough, tough Newarker is out of the army and will be back in action shortly.

▶Atlantic City, turning in a surprisingly strong showing Pat Manzi, 149, Syracuse, N. Y., gave Chico Vejar, 153, Stamford, Conn., a busy evening in their bloody ten rounder. Chico, a big favorite, suffered a cut left eye in the first and also bled from the nose, while Pat's mouth was cut and he too had a nose bleed. Referee Joe Mangold gave Pat the tenth and scored the first even, but it was a much closer fight than the score showed.

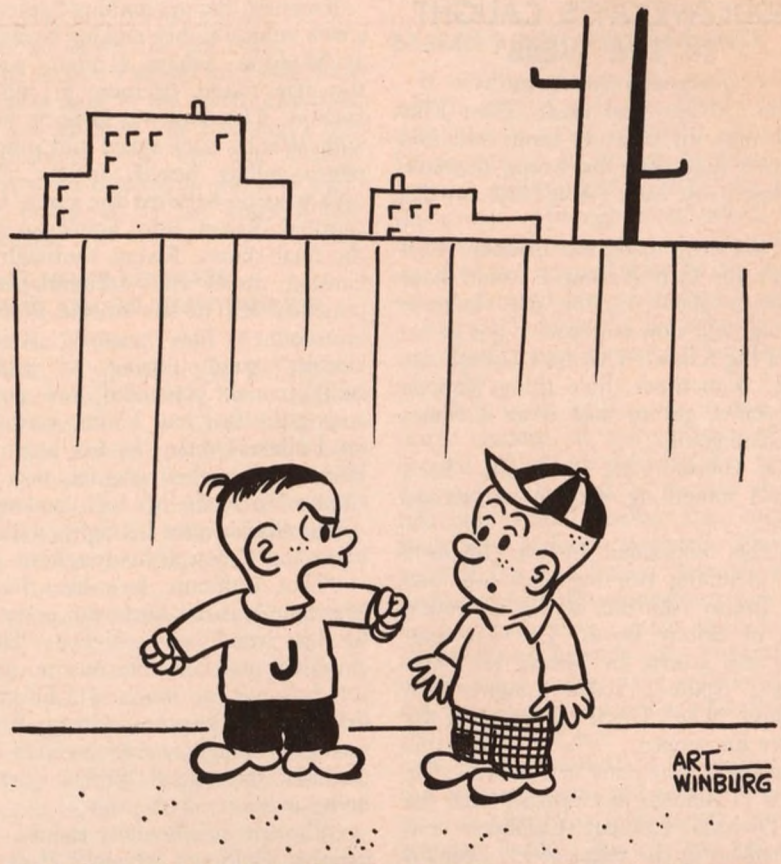
▶NEWARK'S GOLDEN GLOVE CHAMPIONS: 112 lbs. Open, no entries; Novice, Lawrence Brown, Fanwood. 118 lbs. Open, Robert DeVaughn, Paterson; Novice, Bobby Shapiro, Newark. 126 lbs. Open, Gordon Henley, Bloomfield; Novice, Nat Williams, Trenton. 135 lbs. Open, Tonch Bynam, Orange; Novice, Joe Tramontano, Long Branch. 147 lbs. Open, Jos Longo, Elizabeth; Novice, David Franklin, Newark. 160 lbs. Open, Tom Brown, Trenton; Novice, Bootie Wilder, Lakewood. 175 lbs. Open, Tony Alongi, Paterson; Novice, Attilio Tondo, Mahwah; Henvyweight Open, John White, Newark, Novice, George Green, Newark. The Newark PAL repeated as Team champion.

▶NEWARK ARMORY: A crowd of better than 8,500 fans turned out to welcome big time boxing back to Jersey, and they were rewarded with an action thrilled bout, as Paterson's pride and joy Vince Martinez was gifted with a ten-round decision over former world welterweight king Kid Gavilan by referee Joey Harrison who scored it 6-3-1 for the fancy but faint-hearted Vince.

When Martinez opened up and carried the fight to his gallant but shop-worn foe it was no contest, as the Keed's legs are gone and he can't do anything when forced to back up. However, Vince let Gavilan force the action and con him into backpeddling, thus giving the Kid the chance to move forward and Gavilan took advantage of this to score with lefts to the body and swinging rights to the head and spun Vince around. During the middle rounds Martinez stepped up the pace and carried the fight to Gavilan and rocked him with wicked one-twos, but these were far and few. The referee gave only the third, ninth and 10th to Gavilan, scoring the fourth even. Vince scaled 149½ to 148¾ for Gavilan and they may meet again in the Teaneck Armory.

Frank Weisgerber, 172, Lebanon, Pa., came off the deck in the opening minute to stop Mike Zecca, 171, Newark, in 1:11 of the fourth of a real slugfest; Mark Murray, 144, Newark, scored over Gene Tippett, 145, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jimmy McGinnis, 135, Newark, edged out Eddie Johnson, 136, Newark; Joe Damiano, 151, Newark, won over Roger Mitter, 154, Elizabeth, and Jimmy Walker, 189½, Plainfield, hung on to beat Johnny Jenkins, 183, Newark, all in four rounders.

▶Trenton high school student Tom Brown won the Eastern Golden Glove middleweight title and Newark's Johnny White lost in the semi-finals of the heavyweight class to James Gilliam of Pittsburgh, who went on to win the title. The 17-year-old White did not have the experience to handle his veteran 27-year-old foe.



"YES! I'M SURE MY POP CAN COUNT UP TO TEN—HE'S A BOXING REFEREE."

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

JOEY GIARDELLO, WHO THINKS HE IS THE BEST 160 POUNDER ALIVE, had a hard time proving he was a better man than Randy Sandy here at Chicago Stadium. Giardello won a ten round split decision over Sandy amid booes from the ringside fans attending. Sandy fought a smart fight boring in all the way, not giving Giardello punching room.

Sandy will certainly be welcome back in this area with his pleasing style. The fans expected Giardello to score a knockout, but instead were treated to a good fight all the way.

Johnny Hobbs, 145, Chicago, outboxed and outpunched Don Weller, 146, St. Paul, in six spirited rounds. Hobbs appears like a good prospect. Ben Wise, 196, stopped Sonny Ray, 180, in the third round. Tony McCreary, 161, kayoed Johnny Hutchinson, 155, in the 4th heat. Willie Dillon, 145, Chicago, defeated Allen Kennedy, 145, Detroit, in a fast six rounder.

A fair turnout of 2,481 fans paid a net of $3,361 to take in the show which was nationally televised and presented by the International Boxing Club.

▶Eddie Simms, Chicago middleweight, has taken the Windy City by storm in his last two bouts at Chicago Stadium. After scoring a sensational knockout over Bill Tate in two rounds, he came back to flatten Fred Terry, of Philadelphia in five rounds. Simms, only 23 years old, appears ready for the best middles in the world and he may be booked through this writer.

▶Reverend Stoney Jackson, who is currently on the $64,000 Question Program which is televised nationally each Tuesday nite over C.B.S., reached the $8,000 question and answered it, is a former fighter. He also founded the famous Christian Athletes Foundation, where ex-athletes and orphan kids may have a home. No down and out former athletes have ever been turned down by Jackson regardless of race, color or creed. This writer is Director of Sporting Events for the foundation. For any information on this worthy organization contact this reporter.

▶The Chicago Boxing Writers and Broadcasters Association held their 1957 Ring dinner at the Sheraton Hotel where they honored several outstanding ring people. Floyd Patterson, Cus D'Amato and Kenny Lane received awards. Ben Bentley and Jack Drees did an outstanding job in the M.C. department.

▶The Veteran Boxers Association of Illinois, headed by Tommy Kluth, president, purchased a building at 2943 Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. They will henceforth headquarter there for meetings, clubroom and the home will be open to any and all former boxers.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

BOBBY LANE, a stand-up, defensive boxer with a good right hand punch outpointed Franz Szuzina, of Germany, in 10 rounds of a feature bout at Fort Lauderdale. Promoter Glenn Shepperd's show pulled a crowd of 1,076 for a gate of $1,585 net.

What proved to be the best bout on the program was the eight-rounder between Tony Masciarelli and Jerry Fowler. Masciarelli, now of Fort Lauderdale, scored for the decision in a sure-enough brawl. Also impressive was Sammy Stone, of Miami, who TKOed Carl Ferguson, also Miami, and same type victories were notched respectively by Duane Simpson over Bill Norman, of Miami, in three, and Cesar Morales, of Mexico, over Ernest Nogues, of Tampa, in the fourth.

▶For a top-ranking fighter, Larry Boardman looked not the part in his go with Ray Portilla at Miami Beach. Entitled to a "bit-off", Boarman still carried the necessary requirements to cart off the 10 round decision. But Boardman's late rounds rally decided the contest. Larry scaled 139¾, and Ray, of Houston, Texas, 141½.

An upset was recorded in the semi-final and in this, Joe (Rocky) Flores, 148¼, Havana, beat Willie Johnson, 149½, Jacksonville and Miami, in eight rounds. Paul Smith, 134, Denver, took six from Cesar Morales, 132½, Mexico City. Billy Hall, 143, Miami, bested Bobby Walters, 142, Erie, in four. Eddie Fobbs, 152, Hollywood, Florida, drew in four with Ricco Saunders, 155, Miami.

▶Herbie Rodriguez filled the favored fighter's role with the expected victory over Rocky Randell at Tampa and ran his triumph tape to 14 before a small gathering of 450 folks. Rangy Rodriguez weighed 147, Randell, 144.

The co-feature ten between Andres Gonzales, of Cuba, and Toni Simonette, brought out the vocals and Gonzales, with a knockdown of Simonette in the eighth, gained the decision. Tino Fuertes, 137, popular prelim boy from Tampa, grabbed a sixer from Danny Gilbert. 139½, of Miami, but not before dusting the canvas with his pants in the second round. Dave Swank, 129, Tampa, garnered a four from Ken McCurry, 121, of Charlotte, in a free-winging affair. Al Dubois, 133, Miami, earned a four from Robert Harden, same weight, Tampa.

▶Please send all boxing news and results to: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Fla. Fighters without managers can also write here for action in Florida. Please enclose photo and record within.

▶Glenn (Shep) Shepperd, the promoter personality of Fort Lauderdale, takes his boxing seriously in more ways than one. Dropping plenty of lettuce at home for the future of the pro game has not dimmed the picture down there. Shep is determined to punch harder than before with good club fights. Recently, he tripped up to my Jacksonville to take in the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament where we all made personal introductions.

▶Reports from Fort Lauderdale laud the victory of Rocky Randell over Aldo Mente down there and judging the words mean Randell may have fought his best fight in that 10 round win over the protege of former featherweight champ Willie Pep. Tony Masciarelli TKOed Rudy White of Tampa by use of solid body blows and an overhand right to accomplish earning the semi-final. Sammy Stone, of Miami, TKOed James Phillips, of Tampa, in an action-filled bout. Promising John Trombley, of Hialeah, scored again and John Babiak, of Miami, was his victim. The protege of Dick Lee was impressive in securing an eight rounder over Babiak.

Fight writers didn't have to think twice to find out the most improved fisticuffer for the year 1956. That honor went to Kenny Lane, of Muskegon, Mich., and now in the Miami area. Kenny owns a nice chunk of lightweight contenders' land in The Ring Magazine.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

A LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT HERE, INVOLVING champion Joe Brown and Ralph Dupas—both from New Orleans—would be a ring natural insofar as Crescent City fans are concerned.

Were it possible to stage the title affair here, indications are that the gate would pass the $100,000 figure.

There are many who believe Dupas' youth, strong legs and speed would prove too much for the champion. On the other hand, there are just as many who figure Brown's sharp boxing and stiffer punch would finish Dupas long before the 15th round.

▶Ralph Dupas looked like a ring champion by the manner in which he pounded out an easy 10-round decision over rugged and durable Ray Portilla of Houston, Tex., in the Coliseum Arena.

Dupas' exhibition was so exciting with the Mardi Gras Eve boxing fans, that a majority of them stood up and cheered the local boy from the eighth round through the tenth. Ralph admitted he was in perfect condition at 138½ pounds and had never felt any better.

Dupas, who weighed 138½ pounds to Portilla's 140½, entered the ring a 1 to 4 favorite.

Promoter Heard Ragas staged the show which netted $3,046.11 with a turnout of 2,123 paid customers. The turnout was encouraging inasmuch as the Carnival parades were in full bloom.

The six-round semi-final was one of the best seen in months. It found Martin Coscino, 139, scoring a split decision over Nolan Duplessis, 145. The two battered each other in every round, and both were given a much-deserved ovation at the finish. The verdict in Coscino's favor, however, proved anything but popular.

Al Villafaro, 147, stopped Charles Sazera, 147, Birmington, in one round; Tick Tock Tucker, 127, Memphis, edged Gerry Tillman, 131, Mobile, and Roger Etienne kayoed Earl Broadus in one round.

▶Charley Joseph, local middleweight title contender, was anxious to settle a score with Neal Rivers following his "rubber victory" triumph over Willie Vaughn at the Coliseum arena.

Like in their two previous meetings, Joseph and Vaughn gave boxing fans thrills galore, and like in their other battles, the decision was greeted with mingled cheers and jeers.

Joseph used short, jarring punches to pile up a comfortable margin during the early rounds. But Vaughn, like a good thoroughbred, came on with a rush to barely miss.

Referee Roland Brown and Judge Frederick Adams scored it 5-4-1 in favor of Joseph, while Judge Ernie Cojoe tabbed it 4-3-3 for the local boy. My tab had Joseph a 6-4 winner.

A crowd of 3,066 fans who paid a net of $5,955.18 gate, turned out for the ring natural.

Vaughn, who weighed 161½ pounds to Joseph's 159, was a 6-5 underdog. Joe Brown, the lightweight champion, presented Joseph with a handsome trophy shortly after the fight. Joe Guy defeated Henry Bronco, stablemate of Vaughn, in the six-round semi fight. Willie Ransom, making his first pro fight, looked like a real comer in scoring a three-round kayo over Emile Moss, another first-time-outer. In other scheduled four rounders, Johnny Powell stopped Larry Osbey in three rounds, and Cal Campbell bested Mike Lowrey with a last-round rally.

▶Irish Pat Mallane was willing, but lacked the necessary ability and ammunition to cope with Ralph Dupas in a Coliseum tenner. The result was a fifth round technical knockout for Dupas.

Mallane was unknown to the local fight fraternity, and there weren't too many customers on hand—2,320 fans paying a net of $3,500.56 to sit in on the program.

The contest was stopped with Mallane still on his feet. But Pat knew he was well beaten and offered no beef. Referee Eddie "Kid" Wolfe wisely halted the affair with 2:04 gone in the fifth.

Al Villafara won the semi-final with a fifth round kayo over Irvin Challine of Lake Charles, La. In the four-round prelims, Roger Ettienne won over Johnny Tillman; Nolan Duplessis turned in a kayo over Martin Turnage in two, and Tick Tock Tucker of Memphis was a unanimous winner over Eddie Jennings.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

TEXAS BOXING ENTERPRISES, HOUSTON:—Paul Jorgensen, world's number five ranking featherweight, hammered out a unanimous ten-round decision over aggressive Bobby Bell of Youngstown, Ohio in the feature attraction at the City Auditorium. Jorgy made the best effort of his career, and looked razor sharp. He scaled 130, to 128 for Bell.

Dave Walden, 129, Youngstown, Ohio, floored plucky little Paul Pacheco, 123, Pueblo, Colo., a couple of times before stopping him in the fifth round of their eight round semi-final. Mickey Brown, 155, Houston, remained undefeated in stopping Henry Burton, 158, Monroe, in three rounds of a six. Ted Mosley, 141, Mobile, scored a four-round tkayo over Curt Woolwine, 148, Beaumont. Buck Wood, 157, Houston, stopped Glenn Johnson, 155, Houston, in two.

▶Texas Boxing Enterprises, Houston:—Roy Harris, Cut and Shoot's outstanding young heavyweight, won an easy ten-round bout from Irish Joe Rowan of Philadelphia before a turnaway crowd of 4,500 fans at the City Auditorium. The sharp-shooting country boy was too fast, and too much defensive fighter for the more experienced Rowan. Harris came in at 185, Rowan at 190.

Davey Walden, 130, Youngstown, Ohio, stopped a game but outgunned Sal Vegas, 128, Odessa, in the sixth round. Mickey Brown, 158, Houston, beat Phil McCoy, 160, Chicago, in six. Ted Mosley, 141, Mobile, edged tough Armando Flores, 142, Houston, in six. Dave Dupas, 137, New Orleans, decisioned Bobby Garza, 133, Corpus Christi, in six. Vernon Franks, 146, Houston, edged Joe Polamco, 145, Victoria, in a four.

▶Ray Campbell, Promoter, Beaumont:—Paul Jorgensen, 126, Port Arthur, required just 2:37 of round one to polish off Frankie Zolliner, 125, Phoenix, of Promoter Ray Campbell's initial offering in Beaumont.

Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 125, Port Arthur, stopped veteran Rufus Holliday, 124, Cincinnati, in round five. It was a tremendous thriller all the way. Flores senational knockout brought the house down.

Irish Johnny McKoin, 140, Bastrop, La., looked good in scoring a three-round kayo over Tony Gonzales, 146, Houston's veteran prelim boy. Earl Citizen, 144, Beaumont, kayoed Sammy Foy, 146, Houston, in two. Harold Redman, 158, Beaumont, beat Carl Foy, 152, Houston, in another four.

▶Earl Evans, Promoter, Austin:—Mel Barker, 147, Austin, returned to ring wars against another who was hitting the road back, Charley Salas, 152, Phoenix, and the hometown boy got the duke. Five hundred and ninety-two customers paid $1,036.50 to watch the proceedings.

Frankie Duran, 118, Austin, halted Anastacio Serna, 119, San Marcos, in one round. Billy Tisdale, 180, Bridgeport, Conn., got a novice in Sugar Man Griffin, 185, Corpus Christi, and scored a tkayo in three. Johnny Hollins, 198, Austin, won a six rounder from Johnny Mason, Austin.

ARK-LA JABS
By Bill McIntyre

PROFESSIONAL PUNCHES—The only professional boxing card held in North Louisiana during the month of February took place at Monroe.

In the featured 10-rounder, Clarence Cook of Bastrop, a familiar figure in Monroe rings, dropped his fourth mitt decision to "Irish" Ernie Smith of Dearborn, Ohio. The handsome Ohio battler scored a 5-4-1 margin on one card and 5-3-2 edges on the other two.

In the preliminaries, George Price, 160, Houston decisioned George "Sugar" King, 157, Monroe in a 6-rounder; Dewayne Garris, 160, Monroe KO'd Ovan Gomez, 157, Houston in 22 seconds of the 2nd; Robert Williams, 156, Monroe decisioned Robert E. Lee, 152, Houston, in 4; and J. D. Laird, 126, Houston, split-decisioned Ruhl Brumley, 127, Oak Grove in 4.

▶A-ROUND AND A-BOUT—The rest of Louisiana's boxing industry was confined to amateur fisticuffs with the state Golden Gloves tournament at Lafayette and the Fourth Army championships at Fort Polk monopolizing the scene.

LAFAYETTE—Eight Louisiana Golden Gloves champions were crowned here on Feb. 16th after a turnout of 8,400 watched three days of brilliant ring exhibitions. The finals ended as follows:

112 lbs.—Ronnie Ratliff, New Orleans, decisioned Floyd Foreman, Lafayette.

118 lbs.—Gilbert Higgenbotham, Lake Charles, decisioned Mike Brien, Houma.

126 lbs.—Defending champion, Sidney Turner, Milton, Voted the tourney's outstanding boxer, decisioned Jerome Shapdinger, New Orleans.

135 lbs.—Ray Conway, New Orleans, decisioned Ronald Guidry, Lafayette.

147 lbs.—Sherman Roberts, Winnfield, decisioned 1955-56 champion Billy Guidry, Lafayette. It was Guidry's first loss in three years of fighting.

160 lbs.—Danny Mystrick, Lafayette, TKO'd Dallas Cradeur, Lafayette, in 3rd.

175 lbs.—Frank Schluntz, Lafayette, TKO'd Clint Waldrop, New Orleans, in 2nd.

▶LEESVILLE—Fort Sill, Okla., won the annual Fourth U. S. Army boxing title here on Feb. 28th by nipping defending champion Fort Polk, 26-25, on the final night. A solidly-packed crowd of 3,000 witnessed the closing card of the four-day tournament.

Championship results were as follows:

Flyweight—Joe Magnuson, Fort Bliss, Tex., Bantamweight—Defending champion Tony Burciago, Fort Sill.

Featherweight—Clark O'Brien, Fort Polk, Lightweight—Ted Marquez, Fort Sill.

Light Welter—Johnny Trahan, Fort Bliss, Welter—Charles Lancaster, Camp Wolters, Tex., Light Middle—Defending champion Dillard Jackson, Fort Sill.

Middle—Walter Irby, Fort Sill, Light Heavy—Willie D'Antignau, Camp Wolters, Heavyweight—William Arch, Fort Polk.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

The best fight of February, was the match between Raul Raton Macias, NBA bantamweight world's champion, and Juan Cardenas, Europe's high ranking bantam, from Spain.

▶Arnoldo Gil, 138, outpointed Orlando Echeverria, 131, Cuba, in 10. Babe Navarro, 117, stopped Percy Lightburn, 117, British Honduras, in 8. Hilario Morales, 128, stopped Aurelio Mora, 125, in 2. Gabriel Herrera, 126, decisioned Tribilin Carmona, 121, in 6. Pedro Ortega, 126, outpointed Manuel Esparza, 125, in 4.

▶Tobe Penaloza, 137, stopped Jose Paredes, 136, in 9. Roberto Razo, 128, decisioned Tony Alamillo, 126, in 10. Benny Rodriguez, 137, stopped Carlos Loyola, 131, in 2. Angel Jimenez, 114, stopped Fili Martinez, 118, in 4. Lupe Perez, 112, stopped Babe Tinajero, 115, in 3.

▶In the Plaza Mexico, largest bullfight ring in the world, 50,000 fans saw how Raul Raton Macias, 121, NBA bantamweight champion, dispose of Juan Cardenas, 121, Spain, in six, after dropping the Spaniard nine times. Jose Luis Mora, 117, stopped Carlos Cardoso, 121, in 8. Angel Guerrero, 130, decisioned Roberto Garcia, 128, in 10. Chiquilin Torres, 118, decisioned Javier Garfias, 117, in 6. Roberto Pena, 147, decisioned Jose Santillan, 147, in 4.

▶Luis Contreras, 133, outpointed Beto Gonzalez, 136, in 10. Chucho Olmos, 146, outpointed Joe Vazquez, 147, in 10. Nacho Rosales, 125, stopped Nacho Negrete, 126, in 2. Enrique Estrada, 135, stopped Enrique Gale, 135, in 2. Pepe Acevedo, 118, stopped Pepe Rodriguez, 117, in 2.

▶Alvaro Gutierrez, 145, needed only four rounds to stop Everardo Armenta, 147. Ernesto Castaneda, 119, decisioned Mario de Leon, 114, in 10. Marcial Galicia, 118, stopped Papelero Garcia, 118, in 4. Alberto Lima, 123, stopped Joe Gutierrez, 121, in 3. Ray Martinez, 130, stopped Alfonso Gonzalez, 130, in 2.

▶Joe Reyes, 123, decisioned Kid Campeche, 125, in 10. Indio Conde, 129, stopped Juan "Juanene" Garcia, 127, in 8. Eloy Sanchez, 118, decisioned Fili Maya, in 8. Ray Ruiz, 117, decisioned Chucho Arreola, 117, in 6. Arnulfo Palomares, 126, decisioned Jose Magallon, 125, in 4.

▶Julio Escobedo, 131, decisioned Beto Carbajal, 134, in 10. Luis Gutierrez, 124, stopped Manuel Jimenez, 121, in 6. Chiquilin Torres, 116, and Eduardo Guerrero, 117, drew in 8. Gabriel Herrera, 126, decisioned Lalo Contreras, 125, in 6. Isidro Barranco, 127, outpointed Antonio Barragan, 133, in 4.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA "SAN PEDRO", San Pedro:—Libe Zavala, 133, local newcomer, halted veteran Juan Collazo, 135, in four rounds. Ray Mejfa, 136, stopped Kid Pancho, 139, in the second. Oldtimer Oso Amarillo (Jose Aranda), 146 pounds and 46 years old, surprised when he kayoed Kid Corsario, 147, in two. His little son Jose Aranda Jr., Oso Amarillo II, 103, scored his first pro triumph by defeating Carrizo Kid, 108, in four rounds.

▶ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 124, Featherweight Champ of La Laguna, convincingly outpointed his old foe Humberto "Hamlet" Carrillo, 126, in twelve wild rounds. Cesar floored Carrillo in the fifth as the match was a Championship one, Chino is still the King. In the 10-round semi, Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 129, iced Jose Luis Chavez, 131, in the very first roll. Luis "Chivo" Diaz, 133, started as a tener besting tough Manny Delgado, 130.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon:—Raul Leanos, 117, easily decisioned Baby Navarro, 121, in ten. Felipe Sosa, 129, kayoed Joe Tinoco, 133, in three rounds. Manuel Varela, 128, stopped Eloy Pereira, 130, in the third.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gomez Palacio:—In a very rough fight, Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 127, knocked out Carlos Arregui, 130, in the ninth round. The Chino visited the canvas in the eight but he floored his foe three times in the 9th. The 10-round semi finished also in nine when Kid Manolo Luna, 126, embalmed Vicente Leonardo, 130. Claudio Adame, 126, stopped Jose Luis Salazar, 125, in 8.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon:—Angel Guerrero, 126, won a very split 10-round decision over Felipe Sosa, 126. Lucio "Borrachito" Gonzalez, 128, kayoed Tony Hernandez, 129, in two rounds. Luis Herminio Vazquez, 147, nailed Daladier Urista, 146, in the sixth.

▶MAZATLAN:—Joey Reyes, 125, put Rudy Coronado, 120, to sleep in only two rounds.

▶PIEDRAS NEGRAS:—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, National Bantamweight Champion, scored a kayo triumph over veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galvan, 124, in five rounds.

▶GUAMUCHIL:—Beto Gerardo, 125, stopped Chino Ortega, 126, in two rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 115, knocked out Morenito Gutierrez, 117, in the sixth. Henry Macias, 128, beat Indio Guerrero, 130, in ten.

▶MAZATLAN:—Chucho Olmos, 146, halted veteran Babe Franco, 149, in nine rounds.

▶PUEBLA:—Speedy Cuban Manuel Armenteros, 119, merrily whipped Luis Gutierrez, 118, in ten rounds. Chino Gomez, 135, iced Halcon Romero, 137, in the sixth.

▶ACAPULCO:—Ramon Gonzalez, 126, KO'd veteran Genaro Serafin, 125, in eight rounds and he also broke Genaro's jaw.

▶MONTERREY:—David Rodriguez, 118, bested Chuy Guerrero, 119, in ten rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Reyes Lopez, 133, sent Apolinar Huerta, 128, to the Kayo Paradise in only three rounds.

▶LA PAZ:—Dusty Brown, 117, nailed Paco Rubio, 119, in the ninth.

▶MANTE:—Baby Zarate, 120, embalmed Danny Bedolla, 119, in three rounds.

▶PIEDRAS NEGRAS:—Jose "Babe" Gonzalez, 133, got the duke over Fidel Hernandez, 143, after ten rounds. "Don Jose" danced around his mammoth foe.

▶PUEBLA:—Mauro Vazquez, 125, former National Featherweight Champ in the simon pure class, scored a real pro KO-triumph over Negro Alfaro, 128. The guy went to sleep in two.

▶MANTE:—Manuel Armenteros, 120, the clever Cuban darky, halted Baby Zarate, 123, in the sixth. This Armenteros boy was the first pro foe that Mighty Mouse Raul Macias had on the ring. And remember: the Cuban floored Macias that time.

▶ACAPULCO:—Julio Escobedo, 127, Mexico City hard hitter, embalmed Gildardo Baco, 126, in the eighth. Daniel Romero, 119, bested Toro Padilla, 117, in ten rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Joe Becerra, 118, the Fancy Dan from Jalisco, scored a very valuable triumph by surpassed Joe Medel, 116, after ten fast rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Jess Bogart, 147, decisioned Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 153, in ten.

▶HUIXTLA:—(Humberto Martinez), 149, decisioned Mario Alonso Ochoa, 152, in ten rounds.

▶TAPACHULA:—Jorge Castro, 155, National Middleweight Champion, put Rayo del Sur, 149, to sleep in ten rounds.

▶PUEBLA:—Joaquin Carrillo, 130, stopped Americo Rivera, 128, in nine rounds.

▶LA PAZ:—Here is that busy Cuban again! Manuel Armenteros, 122, kayoed Dusty Brown, 119, in six rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Henry Morales, 125, defeated Enrique "Moffles" de la Cruz, 127, in ten. Monito Hernandez, 116, also decisioned in ten Agustin "Diablito" Campos, 114.

▶FRESNILLO:—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 150, got the duke over Bronco Joe Castaneda, 146, after ten rounds.

▶TAMPICO:—The bout between Jess Bogart, 144, and Tobe Peanaloza, 140, ended in eight rounds. No contest.

▶ACAPULCO:—Memo Baltazares, 127, was too rough for youngster Ramon Gonzalez, 125, and he got the 10-round triumph.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

CAMPECHE, CAMP:—Ciclon Campechano, 140, outboxed Carlos "Lincoln" Tamayo, 138, in 10 rounds; Cubanito Gonzalez, 117, beat Pantera de Champoton II, 121, in eight.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC:—Negrito Medina, 115, and Chucho Hernandez, 118, drew in 8 rounds. The crowd booed the decision. . . . Hernandez was floored twice.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP:—Panchito Estrella, 114, bested Pantera de Champoton II, 120, in 8; Baby Lizarraga, 132, kayoed Joe Ambrosio, 133, in the second round.

▶DZIDZANTUN, YUC: Yuyin Trejo, 130, decisioned Felix "Ray" Mancilla, 128, after eight rounds.

▶TAMPICO, TAMPS:—Victor Manuel Quijano, 126, National featherweight Champion, was a clear points winner over Memo Baltazares, 126, at the end of ten rounds.

▶MIAMI, FLA:—Cesar Morales, 136, in his first fight in the United States, lost to Paul Smith, 137, in six rounds.

▶MIAMI, FLA:—Cesar Morales, 135, lightweight of Yucatan, TKO'd Ernest Negues, of Tampa, in the fourth round.

▶MONTERREY, N. L:—Victor Manuel Quijano, 126, easily outpointed Chucho Mejia, 126, in 10.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP:—Lazaro Uribe, 116, and Peter Zapata, 113, drew after 10 rounds.
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ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

Not since the visits of Joe Louis, Joe Walcott and Sandy Saddler to Aruba have so many boxing fans jammed into Swingsters Square Garden to witness Promoter Steffanie's boxing card on Monday, featuring a return bout between classy Jimmy Beecham, 154½, Miami, against Sugar Boy Nando, 155½, middleweight champion of the Netherlands West Indies.

Kid Fenton, 156, Aruba, had too much dynamite in his fists as he battered Diamante Negro, 165, Curacao, for four rounds before winning by TKO in the 5th as Negro could not continue.

A completely rejuvenated Kid Chocolate, 133, Aruba, after being cut badly above the eye in the first round, came back in the second round to stop by TKO, Kid Telefonito, 140, Aruba.

El Negrito del Batey, 145, Aruba, put a temporary halt to the comeback campaign of Kid Peligroso, 140, Aruba, by winning the decision after 6 rounds.

K.O. Walcott, 133, Aruba, made it two in a row by decision over Easy Boy Sonny, 135, Aruba, in a 3-rounder.

BOXING IN CUBA
By Jorge Vieites

HAVANA: BEFORE A CAPACITY CROWD THAT PAID $15,995.40, including movie stars Gary Cooper and Mrs. Linda Christian, and world's racing champion, Juan Manuel Fangio, Marques de Portago, Peter Collins, Striling Moss, Castelloti and every other driver who was competing for the "1st Gran Premio Automovilista de Cuba", Puppy Garcia received a split 12 rounder over champion Ciro Morasen that caused the biggest riot, and scandal at the Sports Palace.

In my book Puppy won only two rounds, the second and the tenth, and the rest was all Morasen who fought one of his best fights in some time.

A flood of bottles and cushions and everything on hand, chairs everything went to the ring. Fighters, seconds and officials all got down inside the ring. The judge who voted for Morasen was the only injured, with six stitches in his head thanks to a bottle.

One hundred and seventeen persons were injured in the riot, and doors and windows were torn out of the Palace. Finally the police started to shoot into the air, and everybody ran out.

The fight that was to be put on after the main event was off, as there wasn't a single person left at the Palace after the riot. That fight was to be between Jose M. Rodriguez, 126, and Augusto Narvalle, 123½.

For this fight, Morasen came in at 124½, Puppy, 126.

In another sensational, fast and really exciting ten rounder, local Martin Rodriguez, 127¼, and Orlando Castillo, 126 (both rated sometime or another by Ring), fought to a draw. All opinions were divided, but it was a wonderful fight, although I thought that perhaps if there was a margin, and I mean a slim one, it was for Castillo.

Johnny Sanduy, 119½, won in 4 from Julio Junco, 121¼; and Wilfredo Husrt, 138, stopped Marino Gonzalez, 137, in four rounds.

▶Havana: Puppy Garcia made an official resignation of the featherweight title as he claims that if not one Cuban thought he won, why hold it on the worst decision ever rendered in Cuba.

▶Havana: The sports director with every sports assessor and the full Boxing Commission decided to suspend the two officials for six months, then changed its mind and only reprimanded them, and declared officially the 12 rounder held on Feb. 23 No Contest. So Morasen keeps his title that he won August, 1948.

▶Havana: Before a good crowd that paid close to $5,000, although the fight was radioed and on T.V., Cuban welter king Miguel Diaz, 145½, retained his title in 12 sensational rounds against Cuba's lightweight king, Baby Cochet, 142.

Several weeks ago Cochet defeated Diaz but this time it was a different story, and now Diaz wants to defend his title against former world king who is geting back in nice form, Kid Gavilan. Diaz might get it.

In another star bout scheduled for ten rounds, a new star appeared in Cuba's boxing firmament when Pedro Jose (Huesito) Gonzalez, who has scored several K.O.'s in a row, added another. Mexican Manuel Jimenez was the victim. Huesito Gonzalez, who came in at 121½, crossed Jimenez, 122, with a right after a couple of left hooks and it was curtains in the fourth for the Mexican who had already twice visited the canvas before.

Sergio Cardenas, 121, t.k.o. 5, Humberto de la Rosa, 125½. Marcos Ruiz, 136¾, t.k.o. 2, Chino Flores, 137½, and Chico Morales, 127¼, won in four from Pepe Rodriguez, 121¼.

▶Caracas, Venzuela: Cuban lightweight, Tato Menendez, 135, lost a splitter tenner to local Cesar Orta, 134.

▶Havana: Former lightweight champ, Fernando Silva, 134½, lost easily in ten to American Ike Vaughn, 134¼, in a good fight.

Rolando Rodriguez, 141½, stopped Nilo Blanco, 141, in six. Miguel Lazu, 120, won in six from Felipe Blanco, same weight: Luis Martinez, 137, won in four from Carlos Suarez, 134½, and Julian Coraona, 129¾, drew in four with Emilio Leferte, 134¾.

▶Havana: Angel Garcia, 130¾, lost a close, fast, very good fight to Venezuelan Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 130¼, in ten rounds. Alberto Robinson, 136¾, drew in 8 with Armando Baragano, 137¼.

Luis Manuel Rodriguez, 144½, continues pro-undefeated (seven victories) by easily beating in 6, Guillermo Diaz, 147½. Florentino Fernandez, 135½, won in four from Pablo Cardenas, 140, and Sal Hernandez, 142½, stopped Angel Mateu, 146.

FROM FIGG TO FULLMER

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gives the records of over 500 of the best fighters from other countries.

Under sketches of current and recent world champions and all of the fighters in Nat Fleischer's All-Time ranking of world boxers, we find the biographies of well over 100 famous ringmen.

A section on Boxing's Hall of Fame, instituted in 1954, gives the complete list of those elected in the Pioneer, Old Timers and the Modern groups, with a breakdown of the voting.

To date, in the three years of voting, a total of forty-one have gained entrance to the Hall of Fame, eighteen in the Pioneer Group, twelve in the Old Timers category, and eleven among the moderns.

One could go on and on, with the tremendous amount of material in The 1957 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, scanning through such items, compilations and charts as shortest fights, longest fights, largest attendance at fights, most contests fought, history of gloves, boxing mythology, Hebrew fighters, French fighters, Filipino fighters, boxers who turned preachers, shadow boxing, first motion pictures of a fight, international mixed contests (boxer vs. wrestler), recently scheduled twenty-five and twenty round bouts, mouthpieces, automatic time keepers, the Marquis of Queensberry rules, Olympic Games boxing champions, Golden Gloves competition, amateur and professional ring deaths, New York boxing laws, champions who regained titles, those who retired undefeated, heavyweight title bout referees, annual gross receipts from boxing in U. S., complete statistics on all Madison Square Garden shows dating back to the first in the new arena on December 11, 1925, top prices for fight tickets.

On and on the list goes. The above is just a sample of the encyclopedic section which gives you all the information on boxing you might want to know, and then some, right at your fingertips and easy to find.

As a reference book it is matchless; as a book to peruse at your leisure it will afford you many hours of pleasure. For quiz contestants—and who isn't one or a likely candidate?—it's the last word and the right answer.

BOXING IN THAILAND
By H. D. Koslowski

Before a ner capacity crowd, the Thailand welterweight champion, SAMARTH SORNDAENG, 147, fought the British Empire and Australian Champion, GEORGE BARNES, 148, over 10 rounds. Considering that BARNES is the 8th ranking contender of the world, the Thai boy entered the ring as 3 to 1 underdog. However, SAMARTH SORNDAENG gave a very good account of himself and had BARNES quite a few times in real trouble. The bout ended in a draw.

The fact that PONE KINGPETCH has been given 6th Ranking in "The Ring" was played up big in the local papers.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

Boise, Idaho, Matchmaker, manager and promotor Al Berro placed his Northwest middleweight champ, Mickey Rhodes, in with Dick Lane.

This was the first fight Rhodes had had for over a year. Lane set a terrific tempo all through the 10-rounder. Lane's target was the Rhodes midsection. Rhodes was making a good fight, then he seemed to fall apart after two knockdowns in the 5th. Rhodes was down for a total of five times throughout the 10-rounder. Lane weighed 158½ and Rhodes 159½.

Harley Breshears, 183, Parma, Idaho and George Tavares 197, Caldwell, Idaho gave the fans the most action of the evening. The six rounder ended in a draw.

Rouque Maravilla, 179, another Berro product, gave Cordell Jones, 184½, Reno, a supreme lacing and had him down for the count at 2:06 of the second round. Al Berro's Basque import, Vicente Echevarria, 164, looked good but not good enough to win the 6-round decision from Floyd Sampson, 161.

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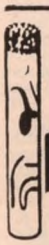

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RECORD BOOK ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

In record of Lou Ambers, page 258, Dec. 25, 1933, change result of bout with Joe Firpo to W 8 instead of L 3.

In Marvin Hart's record, page 151, change result of Dan Creedon bout, May 24, 1901, from KO 7 to KO 6.

In record of Battling Nelson, page 247, add dates, as follows: June 5, 1897, Ole Oleson; May 10, 1898, Freddie Green; May 11, 1898, Soldier Williams; April 6, 1899, Eddie Penny, KO 1; May 3, 1899, Bull Winters, KO 1; June 1, 1899, Unknown John Smith, KO 2; July 4, 1900, Feathers Vernon.

In George Kid Lavigne's record, page 245, add date, June 1, 1905, Jack Roberts, KO 5.

In Charley Phil Rosenberg's record, page 303, add dates: May 23, 1922, Frankie Genaro; Mar. 10, 1928, Harry Scott.

In record of Frankie Genaro, page 316, add date, April 18, 1922, Mannie Wexler.

On page 32, in Sam Langford's biography, change number of knockouts from 93 to 97.

On page 47, under "Most Knockouts Scored," change Sam Langford's total to 97.

On page 97, under "Most Consecutive Fights Without a Loss" change Rocky Marciano's total from 47 to 49.

On page 107 in "comebacks" eliminate 8th item.

Also change the subhead from "Failures in championship comebacks" to "heavyweights who sought to regain title."

RATINGS

(Continued from page 17)

Rory Calhoun kayoed Leroy Oliphant, 5, and bested Charlie Cotton, 10.

Charley Joseph outpointed Willie Vaughn, 10. Italian Champion Guido Mazzinghi demolished Gabriel Assaga, 8.

Jimmy Martinez outscored Jimmy Elliott, 10. Max Resch outfought Mickey Laurent, 10. Chico Vejar decisioned Jimmy Peters, 10.

Erich Walter kayoed Karl-Heinz Guder, 4, but lost to Peter Muller, 12. Franz Szuzina lost to light heavy Bobby Lane, 10, and welterweight Virgil Akins, 10. 36-year-old Gilbert Lavoine became French champion by outpointing Robert Guivarch, 15.

Wilf Greaves stopped Johnny Eubanks, 2. Mexican champion Jorge Castro kayoed Rayo del Sur, 10. Jimmy Beecham outpointed Sugar Boy Nando, 10. Billy Ellaway outfought Willie Armstrong, 8.

Walter Cartier returned to action after a two year layoff and beat Eddie Andrews, 10. Ramon Correa became Spanish champion by beating Domingo Mena, 12. Tuzo Portuguez kayoed Lou Gutierrez, 7.

Mike Holt kayoed Ricardo Marcos, 3. Eddie Smith whipped Al Williams, 10. Andres Gonzales beat Tom Simonetti, 10.

Jimmy Palazzola won from Artie Dixon, 10. Artie beat Henry Bronko, 6. Dick Lane outpointed Mickey Rhodes, 10.

Domingo Lopez thrashed Francisco Frances, 10. Frances was knocked out by Gustav Scholz, 4. Gene Washington whipped Joe Baglio, 8. Andre Drille whipped Jacques Dugenie, 8.

Ernie Smith upset Clarence Cook, 10. Francis Anewy drew with Marcel Pigou, 8. Phil Edwards halted Jackie Scott, 3. Mickey Brown stopped Henry Burton, 5, and beat Phil McCoy, 6.

George Boddie beat Dalfus Brown, 6. Vicente Echevarria beat Floyd Sampson, 6.

Billy Priest kayoed Sandy Chani, 3. Kid Fenton stopped Diamante Nergo, 5. Don McAteer drew with Danny Perez, 6.

Calvin Davis won over Al Avant, 6. Dave Grant stopped Babe McCarron, 5. Bobby Gordon beat Willie Barnes, 6.

Tony Montana kayoed Dickie Jones, 2. Jesse Gray defeated Al Jones, 5. Abe Cruz beat Sherman Williams, 6. Martin Coscino won over Nolan Duplessis, 6.

Tommy Thomas and Johnny Wells drew, 6. Yvon Turenne and Nick Delleva drew, 6; Nick then beat Bobby Gomez, 6. Wally Henderson beat Dick Lowery, 6.

Genorace Armstrong beat Juan Pomare, 6. Sammy Stone kayoed James Phillips, 2.

Hank Casey kayoed Willie Lewis, 4. George Price beat George King, 6. Bill Miller kayoed Freddy Mack, 1.

Joey Guy won from Henry Bronko, 6. Pete Cass kayoed Tommy Marlowe, 1. Jack LaQuatra defeated Nate Smith, 6.

Ellsworth (Spider) Webb outfought Wilf Greaves, 10. Jimmy Martinez outscored Mickey Rhodes, 10. Bobby Dykes outpointed Cat Robinson, 10. Louis Trochon whipped Les Allen, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World champion Carmen Basilio retained title by kayoing Johnny Saxton, 2.

Del Flanagan outboxed Ramon Fuentes, 10.

Vince Martinez edged out Kid Gavilan, 10.

Virgil Akins defeated middleweight Franz Szuzina, 10.

Charley (Tombstone) Smith outpointed Joe Miceli, 10.

British Empire Champion George Barnes held to draw by Samart Saundaeng, 10.

Gil Turner kayoed Rudy Gwin, 4. Walter Byars decisioned Garnet (Sugar) Hart, 10. Attu Clottey bested Benny Nieuwenhuize, 10. Lou Joseph stopped Maurice Harper, 7.

Seraphin Ferrer stopped German champion Gunter Hase, 10. Hase previously kayoed Eugenio Cifuentes, 5. Mexican champion Juan Padilla defeated Al Cota, 10.

Ben Buker retained Spanish title by beating Emilio Orozco, 12. Alvaro Gutierrez stopped Everardo Armenta, 4. South African Champion Mike Holt flattened Australian title-holder Billy McDonnell, 5.

Stefan Redl defeated Paddy DeMarco, 10. Al Cota stopped Manuel Burciaga, 10. Willie Stevenson decisioned L. C. Morgan, 10. Tony DeBiase whipped Danny Giovanelli, 10.

Rocky Randell won from Aldo Mente, 10, but lost to Herbie Rodriguez, 10. Jesse Bogart and Tobe Pennaloza fought a no contest, 8. Roland Rodriguez kayoed Nilo Blanco, 6.

Agustin Rosales defeated Joe Castaneda, 10. Hugh Serville won over Billy Greaves, 8.

Humberto Martinez bested Mario Ochoa, 10. Italian champion Umberto Vernaglione and Sauveur Chiocca drew, 10. Vernaglione retained national title when Giancarlo Garbelli was disqualified, 5. Gilberto Holguin kayoed Jesse Bogart, 8. Roberto Pena beat Jose Santillan, 10. Joe Abasta upset Leonard Gaines, 10.

Mel Barker won over Charlie Salas, 10. Roger Facquer won from Jacques Herbillon when latter retired with broken hand, 8. Lem Miller stopped Johnny Kaheaku, 4.

Gordon Van Loo and Herbie Rodriguez drew, 10. Gordon then beat Juan Tejada, 10, and Al Barrazza, 10. Chucho Olmos halted Baby Franco, 9, and beat Joe Vazquez, 10. Steven Tony won from Freddy Herman, 4. Leo Maloney awarded disputed decision over Belgian Champion Pierre Wouters, 10. Ray Terrazas stopped Manny Ramirez, 1.

John Tombley won over John Baibak, 8, but lost to Paul Smith, 8. Peter Schmidt beat Danny Russo, 6, but was stopped by Rudolph Bent, 8. Rudy Sawyer won over Joe Davis, 6.

Jose Ramon Flores won from Eddie Fobbs, 8. Luis Vasquez stopped Daladier Urista, 6. Manuel Rocha kayoed Manny Castillo, 4. Dan Santiago beat Dickie Wong, 6.

Arlie Seifer beat Don Alderson, 6. Al Villafarro halted Irvin Chaline, 5. Burt Singer defeated Ernie Davis, 6.

Herbie Rodriguez kayoed Bobby Freeman, 3. Charles Patterson and Frankie Corpus drew, 6. Walt Tyler defeated Freddy Monotor, 6.

Mickey Crawford won from Tommy Bazzano, 6, and stopped Ricco Saunders, 4. Wayman Dawson stopped Willie Epps, 3. Don Ross decisioned Bob Moore, 6. Jackson Brown kayoed Jackie Connley, 2.

Ted Mosley won over Armando Flores, 6. Marvin Marcus kayoed Joe McCloskey, 4.

Alan Kennedy kayoed Gene Buzzello, 2. Tony Veranis kayoed Guy LoConte, 1, and Don Vincent, 2. Cecil Shorts kayoed Tommy Rogers, 2.

Walter Holman bested Gunboat Steeves, 6. Luis Rodriguez won from Guillermo Diaz, 6. Tony DeCola defeated Roger Harvey, 6.

George Ferenczi won over Pat O'Brien, 6. Chico Santos kayoed Javier Ortiz, 7, and thrashed Luis Castillo, 10. Derek Liversidge whipped Gordon Goodman, 8. Ernie Roberts won from Bobby Shell, 6.

French Champion Valere Benedetto outpointed Jackie Butler, 10. Charlie Salas defeated Mel Barker, 10. Rocky Kalingo won Filipino title by beating Steve Tony, 12.

Don Kennington and Larry Meyers drew, 6. Don then beat Rusty O'Brieno, and Jean LaForte, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

European Champion Duilio Loi won from Bobby Ros on disqualification, 5. (non-title).

Orlando Zulueta outboxed Ray Portilla, 10. Ray also lost to Ralph Dupas, 10. Paolo Rosi upset Johnny Gonsalves, 10.

British Empire champion Willie Toweel retained his title by stopped Johnny Van Resenberg, 4.

Joe Lopes halted Noel Humphreys, 2. Baby Canti kayoed Jorge Nunez, 2. Walter Brown halted Tommy Salem, 7.

Luke Easter outfought Dave Gallardo, 10. Jo Soussem retained Belgian title by outpointing Jean Parernotte, 12. Felix Chiocca decisioned Teddy Davis, 10.

Arnoldo Gil outpointed Orlando Echevarria, 10. Leo Agbulos outscored Jack Parelli, 10. Carlos Ortiz and Lou Filippo fought a no decision, 8.

Cesar Orto won over Tato Benendez, 10. Tato then kayoed Ike Vaughn, 1, while Vaughn decisioned Herman Hinton, 8. Julio Escobedo won from Beto Carbajal, 10, and kayoed Gildardo Bacho, 8. Alfredo Escobar defeated Amedo Martinez, 6. Joe Reynolds kayoed Don Jose, 7. Yuyin Trejo bested Ray Mancilla, 8.

Harold Smith beat Iggy Maldonado, 6. Bobby Scanlon halted Manuel Baptista, 4. Jose Gonzalez whipped Fidel Hernandez, 10.

Mike Spataro bested Harry Bell, 6. Louis Cabo flattened Bob Marcel, 3. Bobby McHugh bested Merrill Olmstead, 8, and stopped Bonnie Blackman, 6.

Henry Hickman beat Johnny Bridges, 6. Armando Faragano drew with Al Robinson, 8.

Rudy Nieto defeated Ruben Gonzalez, 8. Jimmy McGinnis beat Tony Grasso, 6.

Jim Scalaro defeated Don Vincent, 6, but lost to Earl Mathews, 6. Richie Argo and Eay Estepa drew, 8. Al Boudreaux bested Joe O'Toole, 6. Tobe Penaloza stopped Jose Paredes, 9.

Joe Figueroa won over Rocky Leone, 6. Solomon Boysaw defeated Nickie Gadson, 6.

Kiki Berrios kayoed Mario Flores, 6. Reyes Lopez kayoed Apolinar Huerta, 3. Howard Millsap and Ruben Munoz drew, 6.

Ralph Armstrong beat Gene Butler, 6. Libe Zavala kayoed Juan Collazo, 4.

Dave Dupas won from Bobby Garza, 6. Boswell St. Louis stopped Ivor Germain, 5, and decisioned Ray Corbett, 8. Ciclon Campechano won over Carlos Tamayo, 10.

Chivo Liaz whipped Manny Delgado, 10. Baby Lizarraga kayoed Joe Ambrosio, 2. Tommy Corrick halted Jimmy Sparks, 5.

Teddy Hall beat Jack Moreno, 6. Tony Pardon defeated Ray Estepa, 8.

Larry Reggan beat Pat Flanningan, 6. Marcel Ranvial whipped Edouard Ptak, 10. Benito Tunon bested Fenely Hooker, 6.

World champion Joe Brown edged out Armand Savoie, 10 (non-title).

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Paul Jorgensen kayoed Frankie Zolliner, 1.

Jose Cotero defeated Larry Bataan, 10.

Mexican champion Victor Manual Quijano whipped Memo Baltazares, 10, and Chucho Mejia, 10, Memo then beat Ramon Gonzalez, 10, while Ramon kayoed Genaro Serafin, 8.

Lauro Salas won from lightweight Armand Savoie, 10. Rudy Garcia lost to bantamwright Billy Peacock, 10. Kid Anahuac defeated Billy Evans, 10.

Sesar Saavedra outpointed Humberto Carrillo, 12, and kayoed Carlos Arregui, 9.

Ciro Morascen and Puppy Garcia fought no contest, 12. Jesus Santamaria whipped Rodolfo Francis, 10.

Martin Rodriguez and Orlando Castillo, drew, 10. Bobby Neill stopped Dos Santos, 7. Paul Armstead decisioned Billy Evans, 10. Tel Dovi stopped Jules Touan, 10. Salika Yontrakit stopped Ray Ming Chan, 7.

Roberto Razo defeated Tony Alamildo, 10. Pelon Duran beat Luis Sanchez, 10. Chico Medina edged out Angel Garcia, 10.

Sal Vegas defeated Jesse Rodrigues, 8, but was kayoed by Dave Walden, 6. Dave also kayoed Paul Pacheco, 4. Indio Conde stopped Juan Garcia, 8.

Felipe Sosa kayoed Joe Tinoco, 3, but lost to Angel Guerrero, 10, Angel also beat Roberto Garcia, 10. Pat McCarthy kayoed Richie Morin, 1, and Merrill Olmstead, 7.

Herman Duncan beat Bobby Robledo, 6. Harry Floyd Smith halted Bobby Jackson, 4.

Antonio Ramirez kayoed Jose Luis Chavez, 1. Alfredo Escobar kayoed Mr. Boston, 2.

Henry Macias won over Indio Guerrero, 10. Johnny Nichols kayoed Ray DeLeon, 3, and scored over Henry Watson, 8. Joaquin Carrillo stopped Americo Rivera, 9.

Lucio Gonzalez kayoed Tony Hernandez, 2. Luis Romero edged out Pierre Stanzack, 8. and decisioned Jose Cadalso, 8.

Baby Rodriguez scored over Reyes Castanon, 6. Henry Morales defeated Enrique de al Cruz, 10.

Joey Reyes kayoed Rudy Coronado, 2, and beat Kid Campeche, 10. Giordano Campari polished off Andre Meraint, 4. Jimmy Connors stopped Aubrey Anderson, 1, and beat Cliff Brown, 6. Manolo Luna kayoed Vincente Leonardo, 9.

Hilario Morales stopped Aurelio Mora, 2. Beto Gerardo kayoed Chino Ortega, 2.

Sergio Cardenas stopped Humberto de la Rosa, 5. Mohamed Omari outboxed Letterio Petilli, 10. Leroy Jones beat Johnny Johnikin, 6. Junior Flores halted Rufus Holliday, 5. Jo Ventaja finished Andre Younsi, 2. Ike Chestnut trounced Gil Cadilli, 10. Vic Fuentes was beaten by Baby Gony, 10.

Flash Elorde decisioned lightweight Tommy Romulo, 12. Paul Pacheco kayoed Ruben Munoz, 7.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Billy Peacock outpointed featherweight Rudy Garcia, 10.

Alphonse Halimi whipped Alex Bollaert, 10.

French Champion Dante Bini retained title by holding Robert Tartari to draw, 15.

Tanny Campo and Antonio Diaz drew, 10. Diaz outpointed Mohamed ben Ali, 10. Jose Lopez kayoed Otillio Galvan, 5.

Jose Luis Mora stopped Carlos Cardoso, 8. Claudio Martinez decision Melvin Bourne, 10.

Joe Becerra beat Joe Medel, 10. Huesito Gonzlaez stopped Manuel Jimenez, 4, Manuel also was stopped by Luis Gutierrez, 5. Ernesto Castaneda defeated Mario de Leon, 10.

Manuel Armenteros beat Luis Gutierrez, 10, kayoed Baby Zarate, 6, and Dusty Brown, 6, while Zarate kayoed Danny Bedolla, 3, and Brown kayoed Paco Rubio, 9. Cubanito Gonzalez beat Pantera de Champoton II, 8. Pantera also lost to Panchito Estrella, 8.

David Rodriguez beat Chuy Guerrero, 10. Bobby Singleton defeated Kildo Martinez, 10.

Lazaro Uribe and flyweight Peter Zapata drew, 10. Andre Valignat outclassed Robert Meunier, 10. Negrito Medina and Chucho Hernandez, drew, 8. Daniel Romero bested Toro Padilla, 10.

Babe Navarro stopped Percy Lightburn, 8, but lost to Raul Leanos, 10. Jorge Herrera kayoed Morenito Gutierrez, 6. Eloy Sanchez whipped Fili Maya, 8.

Chiquilin Torres beat Javier Garfias, 6, and drew with Eduardo Guerrero, 8.

Al Asuncion and Masakasu Otsuka drew, 10.

Tanny Campo decisioned Juan Lopez Durban, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

European champion Young Martin retained title by stopping Aristide Pozzali, 4.

Scottish Champion Frankie Jones halted Len Reece, 8 (non-title).

Hitoshi Misako was held to a draw by Masaji Iwamoto, 12.

Saul Becerril decisioned Baby Rios, 8. Emile Delblanque won on disqualification from Roland Roy, 4.

Peter Zapata drew with bantamweight Lazaro Uribe, 10. Mario de Leon drew with Ernesto Castaneda, 10.

NEW FACES

(*Continued from page 32*)

He's an amazingly fast middleweight and very strong. His reflexes are quick. He punches fast and hard with both fists.

"I met my wife, Shirley, on a blind date," recounts Joe, grinning. "But when I took one look at her I sure was glad I could see. Yes, sir—we certainly are a happy couple, and the kids add to our happiness."

Joe was married on July 5, 1952.

His hobbies are jazz music and playing the saxophone.

DICK LOWERY

Dick Lowery, 6 feet and 3 inches tall, is a 160 pounder of pure Irish descent and carries into the ring the Irish spirit and fighting courage. A modest lad, he hopes to reach the heights in a sport in which the Sons of Erin have been among the world's greatest over the years. Despite the fact that he was halted in his first pro battle and was decisioned in the next, he didn't lose heart. He tried to rectify the errors he made in those two contests and won his next five.

"I think I'll go on from here," he said when interviewed. "I'm 25 years old and I know it is pretty late to get a good start in boxing, but 'tis said that the Irish mature late, so I'm not in the least worried. I know I'll make good."

And that's what the boys at Stillman's where he trains, think. Dick has what it takes—a fighting heart and plenty of guts.

Born on the East Side of Manhattan, on April 6, 1930, Richard Patrick Lowrey was a normal child and well behaved. He had three years of high school. Dick became interested in sock exchanging in 1949 while serving in the Army, stationed at Washington, D. C. He boxed there, also in Austria —where he spent 26 months. He lost only one of 13 contests before he returned to New York in September 1953.

"I worked at my trade as a wire lather now and then," relates the elongated scrapper. But boxing was in the back of my mind at all times. I spoke to my friend Jimmy Moulton, a pro fighter, about entering the ring and he got his manager, Irving Cohen to put me into the game as a professional in May, 1954."

"When Dick was polished off in his first bout," says Cohen, "I told Moulton to ask his pal to quit boxing. But Jimmy didn't tell Lowrey, not wishing to hurt his chum's feeling. So I gave Dick another chance. This time he did better, losing a 4-round decision. And now he is a vastly improved boxer as his five wins in his last six bouts show."

LIGHTWEIGHT ANALYSIS

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Contrast the present outlook with the Benny Leonard-Freddie Welsh era —1908-1925. When Welsh held the title, lightweights of note who today would headline TV shows, were fighting preliminary bouts and thrilling the public. The class was loaded with men who furnished the thrills around New York, Boston, and Philadelphia almost nightly. There were Packey McFarland, Jack Goodman, Owen Moran, Matty Baldwin, Willie Ritchie, Pal Moore, Pat Moran, Matt Wells, Tommy Murphy, Leach Cross, Lew Powell, Fighting Dick Hyland, Phil Bloom, Johnny Dundee, Joe Rivers, Joe Shugrue, Richie Mitchell, Joe Welling, Charley White, Joe Mandot, among several dozen other notables each of whom was far superior to the best the division can boast of today.

Imagine Brown, Bud Smith, Lane, Zulueta or Andrade going twenty-five rounds to a draw with the great Packey McFarland, a feat registered by Welsh after he had lost a disputed ten rounder to Packey in Milwaukee and then went twenty rounds to a draw in London.

Or the present-day champion, or any of his challengers, standing up for ten rounds against the fiery attack of Aurelio Herrera, another outstanding lightweight of the Welsh era! Scoring 48 knockouts—each a clean one—out of eighty-one battles against the world's best was the record of Herrera. He would have made hash out of the present crop.

As for Leonard, his record is too well known for a review here. Among the list of encounters in which he had engaged, are many that may be registered among **"Fights I Cannot Forget."** We'll never be in a position to record any such from among the contests fought by any of the lightweights of the 1957 vintage.

The change has been meteoric—but understandable. Perhaps, before it is too late, Jim Norris will realize the mistake his organization has made in permitting his TV shows to kill off the incubators.

How could he and his IBC prevent it?

By giving more managers and through them more fighters an opportunity to appear on the cards arranged by his organization for the many sponsored TV shows which are arranged in co-operation with promoters in various parts of the country.

Unfortunately in most cases the same faces are seen, win or lose, good or bad, boys who are controlled by one group of managers. If the work were scattered among the many inactive fighters, giving them the incentive to continue in their chosen profession, there can be no doubt that the calibre of contenders in all divisions would rise.

As things exist today, many promising youths who normally would follow the fistic profession in disgust throw in the sponge and seek other means for a livelihood.

MARSHALL CRAWFORD ALL-ARMY STAR

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plenty of the courage that all paratroopers require.

Little Willie Barnes of the Third Army, winner of the flyweight title, and Robert Nichols, feather champion, also made a hit.

The affair was exceedingly well conducted with Lt. Colonel Edwin H. Patterson, Major Paul A. Coker, Major Clifton R. Johnson, Major Francis F. Rainey, Major Arch E. Roberts, Captain Emory C. Albritton, Lieut. George S. Mills and Lieut. Anthony F. Bocchini, in charge.

The third Army's entrants, with Lieut. Peter Radamacher in charge, carried off the team trophy for the third time.

Last year's All-Army flyweight king, "Mitts" Okuda, was eliminated by Barnes. Here are the final results:

FLYWEIGHT—Willie Barnes, Third Army (Baltimore, Md.) beat Sherriedale Morgan, Second Army, (Davison, Mich.). BANTAMWEIGHT—Jerry Armstrong, Third Army, (Saginaw, Mich.), beat Antonio Burciago, Fourth Army, (Denver, Colo.). FEATHERWEIGHT—Robert Nichols, Second Army, (New York, N. Y.), stopped Robert Artherton, Third Army, 3, (Phoenix, Ariz.). LIGHTWEIGHT—David Harris, Third Army, (Chicago, Ill.), beat Otis Goodwin, Armed Forces Far East, (Buffalo, N. Y.). LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT—John Trahan, Fourth Army, (Maurice, Louisiana), beat Roosevelt Hedrigton, First Army, (Bronx, N. Y.). WELTERWEIGHT—Charles Lancaster, Fourth Army, (Washington, D. C.), beat Louis Stewart, Sixth Army, (Washington, D. C.), LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT—Dillard Jackson, Fourth Army, (Bakersfield, Cal.), beat Theodore Mathis, Sixth Army, (Cleveland, O.). MIDDLEWEIGHT — James Harrison, Second Army, (Rocky Mount, N. C.), beat James King, Fifth Army, (Milwaukee, Wis.). LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Grady Clay, Armed Forces Far East, (Long Beach, Cal.), beat Aaron Porter, Third Army, (Chicago, Ill.), HEAVYWEIGHT—Marshall Crawford, Armed Forces Far East, (Detroit, Mich.), beat Allen Hudson, Third Army, (Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.).

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Sam Silverman, top New England promoter, opened up a new club in Revere with a new talent card. Billy Ryan, 167, Lowell, one of the brightest prospects in this area, needed less than a round to dispose of Jimmy Brown, 160½, Brooklyn.

Eddie Andrews, 156½, youngest of the Andrews clan from Lowell, scored a six round decision over Milton Ebbs, 163, Newark, N. J. Jackson Brown, 151, another brilliant amateur who recently joined the pro ranks, scored a convincing six round decision over Dave Grant, 155, Boston. Jimmy Connors, 129, New Bedford, turned pro with a two round kayo over Chris Alexander, 126¾, Revere. Tony Veronis, 148, Dorchester, continued his winning ways with a two round kayo over Joe Walker, 147, Roxbury. Petey Cass, 150, Somerville, took a four rounder from Benny Spinola, 148, New Bedford. In the opener, Danny Rooney, 161½, New York, kayoed Ray Drayton, 162, Roxbury, in three rounds.

▶ REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 142¼, Roxbury, slugged out a close ten round decision over Johnny Cunningham, 148, Baltimore, Md.

Jackson Brown, 149¼, Boston, battled to a draw with Peter Schmidt, 144½, New York, in the six round semi-final. Wallie Weiss, 140, Malden, decisioned Richie Graham, 132¾, Roxbury, in six interesting rounds. Tony Veronis, 148, Dorchester, continued to be a boy worth watching as he easily whipped Billy Reckhow, 155, New York, in a four rounder. Jimmy O'Malley, 149½, Dorchester, stopped Ray Allison, 148, Roxbury, in the third round.

▶ BOSTON GARDEN—Tony DeMarco, 147½, former world's welterweight champion finally solved the style of Gaspar Ortega, 148, Mexico, in their third meeting and punched out a one-sided ten round decision. The pair battled at a furious pace throughout.

Ralph Armstrong, 136½, New York, scored a surprise six round decision over Gene Butler, 141, Boston, in the semi-windup. Billy Priest, 157, Waltham, stopped Sandy Chani, 158, Marlboro, in the third of a six rounder that was marked by heavy punching. Joey Figueroa, 136¾, Puerto Rico, took a sixer from Rocky Leone, 139, Dorchester. Dave Grant, 153, Boston, halted Babe McCarron, 156, Brownville, Me., in the fifth of another six spot. Sal Contino, 166, Boston, stopped Virgil Almeida, 169, Bristol, R. I., in the first round.

▶ REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Pat McCarthy, Jr., 129, Roxbury, scored a one round kayo over Richie Morin, 129¼, Biddeford, Me., Bobby McHugh, 138, Boston, rang up his 17th straight pro victory by winning a unanimous eight round decision over veteran Myrel Olmstead, 133, Springfield.

Bobby King, 169, Everett, exploded a right to the jaw of Roy Belsito, 169, Worcester, to win by a kayo near the start of the sixth round. Billy Ryan, 169, Lowell racked up a quickee in stopping Gene Herson, 170, Bath, Me., in the first of a six rounder. Petey Cass, 151½, Somerville, won the duke over Gunboat Steeves, 152¼, Auburn, Me., in the four

▶ HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Walter Cartier, 161, New York, returned to the ring after an absence of two and a half years, to soundly whip Eddie Andrews, 156, Lowell, in the ten round feature.

Jimmy Scalero, 140, Stamford, Conn., looked great in whipping Don Vincent, 142½, Providence, in the semi-final six. Frankie Roche, 143, Bristol, Conn., spoiled the pro debut of Walter Ward, 143, Hartford, by taking a four round decision. Kid Chick, 119, Southwick, made short work of Mario Rodriguez, 123, Puerto Rico, whom he stopped in the first of a four rounder. Johnny O'Hara, 162, Holyoke, had to come off the floor to win his pro debut in stopping Eugene Lopes, 167, Wareham, in the second

▶ REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Pat McCarthy, Jr., 130, Roxbury, was awarded a tko victory over Myrel Olmstead, 133½, Springfield, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight round feature. Referee Tommy Collins halted the bout when a terrific right cross opened up a deep gash in Olmstead's lip.

Jackson Brown, 152, Boston, had to go two rounds in stopping Jackie Connolly, 154, Boston, in the longest bout of a very abbreviated undercard. Jimmy Connors, 130, New Bedford, scored a clean cut knockout over Aubrey Anderson, 128¾, Boston, in the first round of a six spot. Tony Veronis, 148, Dorchester, racked up an impressive first round kayo over Guy LoConte, 149, Malden.

▶ HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Jeff Dyer, 205, Springfield, needed four rounds to catch up with Jimmy Relish, 185, New York, and another round before he put over the finisher.

Earl Matthews, 137½, Boston, was too sharp for Jimmy Scalero, 139, Stamford, in the six round semi-final. Oliver Wilson, 186, Hartford, came from behind to stop Tommy Black, 196, Bridgeport, in the third of another sixer. Richie Silvia, 136, New Bedford, spoiled the comeback of Johnny Johniken, 131½, New Yorker who is now fighting out of Boston, by taking a six round decision. Young Joe Walcott, 150½, Bridgeport, punched out a clear cut decision over Don Vincent, 144¾, Providence, in four.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

Promoter Norm Rothschild has big plans for boxing here during the present year. Norm figures to show World's welterweight boxing champion Carmen Basilio at least twice and has high hopes of getting Carmen in a title bout before 1957 ends. Norm has staged three welterweight title fights in which Basilio participated. He presented the Kid Gavilan-Basilio title fracas in which Carmen lost an eye shade verdict to the Cuban. Basilio won the crown from Tony DeMarco here on a 12 round knockout and won back the crown he had lost to Johnny Saxton in Chicago by stopping Saxton in the ninth.

Champion Carmen Basilio's quick knockout over Johnny Saxton in Cleveland, was witnessed by everybody around here that could watch the go on television.

Mike DeJohn is being looked after by Genial Gabe Genovese in Miami Beach and the big, strong, youngster is in splendid shape and coming along nicely. On the Joe Brown-Wallace (Bud) Smith lightweight championship bout card, Mike stopped Julius Kriffin, Brooklyn, 197, in the 10th round of the semi-final.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

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▶Leo and Bob Ryan, Minneapolis boxing twins, celebrated their seventy-second birthday this month. Leo fought as a lightweight, Bob as a welterweight years ago and were two of the best in their divisions. Leo is one of the best trainers in the northwest.

▶Percy Villa, boxing writer for the Minneapolis Star Journal a few years ago, is now sports writer on the Las Vegas Sun in Las Vegas and doing very well. Percy, a former fighter and great fellow, is well liked out in Las Vegas and has everybody reading his column.

Jimmy Jackson and George Reiter of Minneapolis reached the semi finals in the Golden Glove tournament in Chicago and will be back there next month for the main bouts. Jackson, representing the Phyllis Wheatley house, won a second round tko over Dick Johnson of Omaha. Reiter, boxer for the Unity House, won a close decision over John Davis of Dayton, Ohio.

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LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

At the State Fairgrounds, Willie Pastrano, 187, rocked a frustrated Johnny Holman, 201, with darting jabs and damaging hooks and rolled nimbly away from punishment himself in scoring a lopsided 10-round decision. Pastrano captivated 6100 fans with his quick fisted and fancy-footed attack. These same fans kicked in a gross gate of $23,587.50.

Abe Cruz, 160, Chicago, unanimously decisioned Sherman Williams, 162, Louisville, in six; Bobbie Gordon, 160, Huntington, W. Va., unanimously decisioned Willie Barnes, 158, Chicago, in six; George Boddie, 158, Fairmont, Ohio, gained a split decision over Dulfus Brown, 160, Louisville, in six, Art Glass, 147, Fairmont, won a split decision over Rudell Stitch, 147, Louisville, in four and Billy Williams, 135, Louisville, in his pro-debut, unanimously decisioned George Manoie, 135, of Chicago, in four.

▶The open Golden Gloves Champions this year are—Elmer Dennison—flyweight; Gilbert Moore—Bantamweight; Kenneth Downard—featherweight; Donald Toohey—lightweight; Willie Moran—welterweight; James Flournoy—middleweight; James Johnson—light-heavyweight and James W. O'Keefe—heavyweight.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

Several small spots within a radius of 150 miles of Columbus are ready to start promoting pro boxing shows again. In Dayton, Paul Anthony wants to go on a weekly basis using young talent. Jimmy Columbus in West Virginia, who has had two shows so far, is eager to continue, also with young talent.

At Zanesville, Billy Watson, the former mayor of this little city, has staged three shows so far. The first two drew about fifteen hundred fans and the last was a sell-out.

In Columbus, promoters Al Haft and yours truly will use two fighters on each wrestling show until such time as they find the right fight talent to start with. The boxing shows then will go at least twice a month.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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Outweighed by 10 pounds, Bob Satterfield, 182, of Chicago, won the unanimous decision over Julio Mederos of Cuba at the Milwaukee Arena. It was a hard punching duel, labeled by the sports writers as the best of the season.

Earl Dennis, 140½, New York, won unanimous decision over Norman Johnson, 141, Miwaukee, in six. Sylvester Armstrong, 180½, Chicago, stopped Gene White, 195, St. Paul, in 1:43 of fifth round. Leroy Allen, 145½, Milwaukee, stopped Bob Whitlow, 140½, Peoria, Ill., in 1:23 of fourth. Walcott Jackson, 162, Chicago, won split decision over Elmer Shippee, 156¼, Peoria, Ill. in 4. Wesley Morgan, 143½, Chicago, won unanimous decision over Kid Chocolate, 144, Havana, Cuba, in 4.

▶ Orville Pitts one of the finest college boxers in the country has quit the University of Wisconsin squad and signed a ten year contract with Eddie Metrie. Pitts who won the NCAA light heavyweight title last year and qualified for the Olympic team only to be left home for an alternate because of an injured eye, left the Madison school to continue his studies in Milwaukee where he intends to train under the watchful eyes of Metrie and trainer Joe Gans for professional bouts Metrie has under consideration.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

Wallace Bud Smith, former lightweight champion from Cincinnati, failed to regain the world crown from Joe Brown at Miami Beach on February 13. With Ezz Charles retired and Smith on the downgrade, Cincinnati is without one outstanding fighter. However, Ike Vaughn, a lightweight has been showing promise. On February 10 at Havana, Vaughn clipped the wings of Fernando Silva in 10 rounds and then three days later on the Brown-Smith Florida program, he whipped Herman Hinton.

The only other Cincinnati fighter with promise is young Garvin Sawyer, a heavyweight managed by Tom Tannas of Arnold, Pa.

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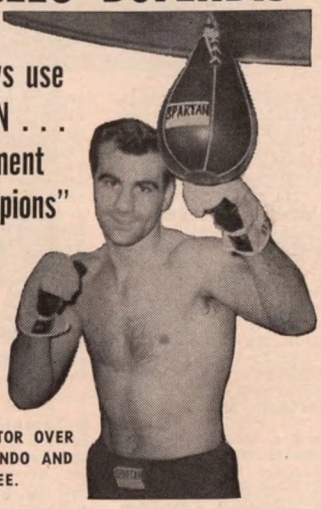
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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J C. Galang

Luis Logan (Pellicer) former welter, middle, lightheavy and heavyweight champion of the Orient and is now recognized as the wealthiest Filipino ex-fighter, is on his trip around the world. He plans to get a copy of the Luna Park in Buenos Aires which he wants to adopt here in Manila for his proposed $2,000,000 stadium for professional sports.

▶ Al Asuncion, 118, leading contender for the Philippine bantam title, drew with Masakasu Otsuka, 116, of Japan in 10 rounds at the Coliseum. The Japanese has the stamina and toughness and is always willing.

Rocky Kalingo, 146, dethroned Steve Tony, 146, and titleholder of the Philippines in 12 rounds. Rocky proved that he was the master of the slow moving titleholder all the way.

Ross Padilla, 119, defeated Villeza Villar, 119, in another 10 rounder. Vic Fuentes, 125, lost to Baby Gony, 124, in 10 rounds. Young Aquino, 114, halted Baby Johnson, 113, in the 5th round. Nestor Checa, 111, defeated Emil de Leon, 113, in 6. Small Dave, 113, decisioned Clever Luna, 112, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Javellana Kid, 138, defeated Eddie Javier, 136, in 8 round main event in Grace Park. Javellana proved too strong for his older rival and cut his face into a bloody mess. Winnie Reholado, 134, won the one-sided bout against Rocky Briones, 129, in 8 rounds. Winnie was the boxing master of the night.

Danny Brown, 119, and youngest of the Brown brothers decisioned Tiger Willie, 120, in 6 rounds. Vic Angeles, 120, won over Flash Menny, 125, in a 6 round slow contest. Rocky Moises, 126, and Roy Compio, 119, drew in 6 round special attraction. Petal Coren, 118, defeated the favorite Flashy Panio, 124, in 4 rounds. Grace Park Kid, 121, lost to Baby Mario, 120, in 4. Little Sabu, 112, kayoed Nestor Angel Jr., 107, in the 3rd round. Kid Fuentes, 117, outfought Romy Nascilla, 118, in 4. Leo Eneveso, 106, and Zacarias Monato, 112, drew in 4. Maxie Gerones, 114, lost to Joe Bacho, 118, in the 4 round opener.

▶ Young Aquino, 115, pride of Nueva Ecija, defeated Leo Zulueta, 110, in 10 rounds in Grace Park. Aquino downed Leo with a left to the jaw in the 5th round.

Cris Miranda, 121, and a substitute for Ben Dayrite badly outpointed Frisco Concepcion, 124, in 10 rounds. It was a very sad night for the gamblers.

Rocky Briones, 128, received the most unpopular decision of the night over Joe Balbuena, 125, in 8 rounds. Kid Basas, 113, defeated Romy Sison, 112, in 6. Basas proved too clever. Rocky Moisies, 125, won over Cagayan Boy, 122, in 6 rounds. Rica Junior, 124, won over Tiger Willie, 121, in 6.

P. Aramas, 116, and San Juan Boy, 120, drew in 4. Joe Pracio, 109, drew with Rocky Monterde, 108, in another 4 rounder. Dick Roma, 114, outpointed Grace Park Kid, 110, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Jet Bally, 127, kayoed Willie Tomada, 130, in the 3rd round at the Bull fight arena. Willie was leading by slight margin when the bout ended. James Hardman Jr., 119, proved to be the master of Billy Andy Valdez, 119, in 10 rounds. Tenejeros Boy, 126, defeated Army Wonder Boy, 126, in 10 rounds. Viva Zapata, 116, decisioned Nestor Roy Sison, 116, in 6 rounds. Al Reyes, 113, and Roy Compio, 117, drew in 6. Viva Alba, 114, decisioned Small Dave, 114, in 6. Leon Silos, 113, kayoed David Antonio, 114, in the 3rd round. Tiny Taylor, 111, outpointed Nestor Angel Jr., 107, in 4 rounds.

▶ Veteran Star Matnog, 137, defeated Tenejeros Boy, 127, in 10 round main event in Legaspi City. The referee was Jose Padilla, Jr., former amateur lightweight champion of the Orient and a boxing representative in 1932 world Olympics in Los Angeles.

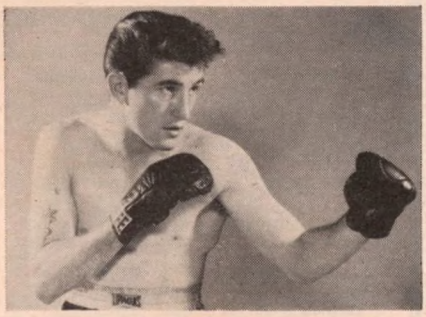
Baby Espinosa and Young Brazil fought a no-contest, Referee Solomon Adornado ending it in the 3rd round. Gil Gueta, 112, and Little Tony, 114, drew in 6 round contest.

Clever Quintin, 118, bested Joe Merando, 119, in 6. Joe Ravalo, 126, and Ah Ong, 128, drew in 4. Mar Goncero, 116, outpointed Rush Rogdrigo, 118, in 4. Black Panther, 116, drew with Johnny Berces, 117, in 4. Buena Dacillo, 120, kayoed Young Tony, 124, in 4th round.

▶ Lucky Marcelo, 126, kayoed Gerry Reyes, 133, in the very first in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Al Cantara, 116, defeated Vic Santos, 116, in 6 rounds. Sony Kid, 116, outpointed Tim Sammy Jr., 117, in 4. Boy Pido, 120, drew with Boy San Roque, 116, in 4. Star Viesca, 117, drew with San Lenardo Kid, 116, in 4. Ray Buena, 114, kayoed Gene Manuel, 114, in the 1st round.

▶ Vic Campo, 112, badly outpointed Little Dommy, 114, in 10 round main event in Olongapo, Zambales. Cunning Andy, 110, bested Little Brown, 111, in 10.

Memo Diaz, 120, defeated Ernie Paredas, 119, in 6. Leo Macalintal, 114, outboxed Terrible Ten, 112, in 6. Abe Mendoza, 113, drew with Young Santos, 114, in 4. Danny Brown, 111, kayoed Little Josen, 102, in the 1st round. Boy Freddie, 104, halted Eddie Kid, 100, in the 1st round.



Mickey Crawford, promising young Detroit, Mich., welterweight, is fast becoming a headline attraction. After a successful amateur career which saw him win the Bay City Golden Gloves title (1950-51-52-53), the State championship (1952-53) and the Michigan AAU title (1953) Crawford has gone on to win ten of his first eleven pro fights.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

THE most interesting events of the month were more by implication than by direct results. The one-round kayo of Joe Erskine by Valdes does not make the attempts of Hans Friedrich and Neuhaus look so bad by comparison and Joe Bygrave's knockout by Henry Cooper made Ingemar Johansson gain in stature. Wim Snoek lost a bout in Uruguay but Willi Besmanoff won in his first American start whilst Chris Christensen, Danish welter, lost to Tony Di Biase on points. Pierre Wouters was robbed of a decision against Leo Maloney in Britain and Jean Dos Santos was stopped by Bobbie Neill. Charles Humez showed that he still leads the middles field in Europe by disposing of Pat MacAteer and Jo Ventaja made more progress in the feather ranks. The Hungarian middle, Laszlo Papp, should dispute his first pro bout in Italy, March 2nd.

▶ Paris. Still with an eye on that world title, Charles Humez came through with another convincing performance at the Palais des Sports, where he successfully defended his European middles title against Pat MacAteer of England. The house was packed with supporters but in fact the fight was not of first-class format. Patmac employed his long left with success in the opening rounds and managed to keep off the Lion of Flanders for a while but Humez continued to bore in grimly, waiting his chance. In the fourth round he rushed the Britisher into a corner and hammered away at close quarters. When MacAteer emerged from the scrimmage his left eye bleeding but he fought back with spirit and broke even for the round. He followed up in the next round with some excellent boxing and kept Humez at bay but in the sixth, the European champion broke through Patmac's defenses and slammed away at the body. In the seventh, Humez was able to continue the same plan of destruction but the Swiss ref halted the bout to warn the Frenchman for butting and pushing; MacAteer's eye was badly swollen by now and his corner was becoming anxious, despite the challenger's narrow lead on points it was apparent that Humez was getting stronger as the fight progressed. In the next frame, the eighth, Humez smashed away again at the wilting Patmac, whose left eye was completely closed and the ref decided to put a halt to the slaughter. Humez finished very fresh and now awaits a match with the winner of the Robinson-Fullmer return.

Gilbert Lavoine caused a stir by outpointing the Norman, Robert Guivarch, over fifteen rounds to become the new French middles champion. Lavoine is a remarkable fighter. Although aged 36 and something of a veteran, he can look back on a career which has also won him the French welter title and also the European laurels in that division. Werner Wiegand, 225, crumbled within a minute of the first round against stocky Emile Vidal, 193, and in a lightie six, Michel Touche drew with Sauveur Benamou,

▶ Liege, Belgium. Jo Woussem successfully defended his national lightie crown against young Jean Paternotte in a twelve-rounder. At Bruges, Louis Cabo continued his comeback by stiffening Bob Marcel in the third of a lightweight discussion and Fernand Coppens scored over Kid Eddy in a lightie eight.

▶ Taranto, Italy. Umberto Vernaglione defended his national welter crown here against the experienced Giancarlo Garbelli. The latter, according to the book, should have won but he permitted himself too many irregularities and was ruled out in the fifth round for hitting low. Meanwhile, at Varese, Piero Rollo retained his bantam laurels against southpaw Giancarlo Dugini, who was forced to retire in the twelfth and last round. At Viterbo, Luigi Male won over Carlo Mola in a modest middles eight.

▶ Rotterdam, Holland. Piet van Klaveren, speedy but a light hitter, met an equally fast light hitter in the person of Ziyaris Taki, Turkish lightweight and scraped home a narrow winner after ten rounds. Jo Lamers flattened Emil Koch in seventeen seconds of the opening round in a middles affair and Horst Garz was disqualified in the seventh round of a welter scrap with Theun Brommer. Henny van Berkum whipped Hans Nesemann in a middles six.

▶ Parma, Italy. Marcello Padovani, finalist for the vacant Italian title fought well to outscore the smart French lightie, Michel Clavel, over eight rounds.

▶ Paris. At the Salle Wagram, Laouri Godih had little difficulty in outpointing the tall Basque lightie, Victor Pepeder, over ten, whilst Charles Sylla trimmed Meftah in a bantam eight and Robert Meunier for once scored a victory by defeating Andre Jasse in a bantam ten. At Montargis, Jean Piniarski lost to the West African middle, Francois Anewy, in ten and at Lyons, Pierre Mondino upset Jacques Prigent by stopping him in the seventh round due to a cut eye. At Cherbourg, Jose Manrique, Spanish lightie, licked Marcel Signet in ten and Enzo Ganadu, Italy, trounced Jacques Loit in a bantam ten, whilst at the Paris Stadium, Tabti beat Kone and Baldacchino won over Da Sylva in the quarter finals for the Assane Diouf Middles Belt. At Nice, Jean Dubois laced Charles Meraldi and Ridoux scored over Flavio Ciancarelli, Italy, in two lightweight tens. Ernesto Ballabio, Italian welter, nodded Julien Staccini in eight.

▶ Bologna, Italy. The name of Franco Cavicchi was still enough to draw 8,000 fans to the Stadium, where the ex-champion took on the Austrian novice, Alois Senn. The latter, completely overawed by the opposition, offered no resistance to the Italian and was stopped in the second round. Horst Herold of Germany, on the other hand, battled with spirit against Mario De Persio in another heavyweight slam and often had the local on the defensive but half a minute before the final gong he was ruled out for alleged butting.

▶ Milan, Italy. Another odd disqualification was carried out by an Italian referee in the bout between Duilio Loi and Bobby Ros at the Sports Palace. Loi is usually apathetic in these minor contests but on this occasion he sprang to the attack from the opening gong and soon had the Spaniard bleeding from the right eye and very much on the retreat. In the fifth round, Ros was ruled out for intentional butting, although it was admitted that the intended foul did not strike Loi. Guido Mazzinghi, still coming on apace, ripped into promising Gabriel Assaga of France and smashed him to defeat in eight rounds while Aristide Pozzali trimmed Charles Bohbot in a flyweight eight. Altidoro Polidori gained a most unpopular verdict over the Spanish feather, Manolo Garcia in ten and Mario Vecchiato larruped shifty Belaid Meslem in a lightie eight.

▶ Dortmund, Germany. Heinz Neuhaus, still busily rehabilitating himself with local fans, ran into a tough handful here against Brian London, son of Jack London, former British heavies champion. London is a scrapper with the killer instinct and this he displayed against the plump German, no mean hitter himself. In the sixth round, the Teuton threw across his Sunday punch and London was staggered but fought back fiercely. Thanks to his greater experience Neuhaus got the duke but he afterwards paid tribute to the British fighter's strength and resistance. Albert Finch boxed rings around Erich Schöppner in a cruiser eight but failed to get the verdict, which brought storms of disapproval about the ref's head. Hans Friedrich, 202, was pitted against a newcomer to Continental rings, Edgar Boy from the Dutch East Indies, and fumbled and mauled his way to a points win over eight rounds. Horst Niche, 178, won over Ossi Büttner, 200, in six rounds and Albert Duscha, 173, drew with Wenzel Bociek, 175, also in six; Rolf Peters, 159, edged out Gerhard Moll over four rounds.

▶ Paris. At the Mutualité, Felix Chiocca didn't have too easy a trip with the lanky Jack Subero of Trinidad, who took the dangerous Corsican the distance in a good lightweight ten. Christian Marchand won over Ali Termoul in a flyweight ten. At the Central, Constant Alcantara avenged a previous defeat by licking Jacques Barlet in a middles ten, while Pierre De Souza beat Grignon in a bantam eight.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Antonio Diaz won over the Moroccan, Mohamed Ben Ali, in a modest bantam ten here. A few days previously, Jose Cadalso came back to action with a close win over Jose Guillen in a feathers eight.

▶ Hamburg, Germany. Headlining a first-class program at the Ernst Merck Hall, Max

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

MONTH ENDING MARCH 20, 1957

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Friedrich (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
3. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Val Benedetto (F)
4. Willi Besmanoff (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
5. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Louis Trochon (I)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
6. Jose Gonzales (S)	Artemio Calzavara (I)	Max Resch (G)	Idrissa Dione (F)
7. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Pedro Klyssen (H)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Gunter Hase (G)
8. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Umb. Vernaglione (I)
9. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Ben Buker II (S)
10. Emile Vidal (F)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Olle Bengtsson (SW)	Bruno Visintin (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
2. Lahouri Godih (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Felix Chiocca (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Robert Tartari (F)	Guy Schatt (F)
5. Fred Galiana (S)	Altidoro Polidort (I)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
6. Jose Hernandez (S)	Rudi Langer (G)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Henri Schmid (F)
7. Piet v. Klaveren (H)	Andre Valignat (F)	Federico Searponi (I)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
8. Mario Vecchiato (I)	Giordano Campari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Andre Gasperini (F)
9. Guy Gracia (F)	Mohamed Omari (F)	Luis Romero (S)	Jean Guerrard (F)
10. Louis Carrara (F)	Jo Ventaja (F)	Alfred Schweer (G)	Francisco Carreno (S)

LEGEND:—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

Resch returned to action with a points win over the tough French middle, Mickey Laurent. Although he slung every punch known at the rugged visitor, Resch was unable to halt the dour forward march of Laurent and was forced to dispute every inch of ground. Erich Walter, leading challenger for Peter Müller's middles title, checked in with a masterly knockout of Karlheinz Guder, the fragile but hard-hitting protegé of Gustav Eder, in the fourth round whilst Peter Müller knocked out Victoriano Olivares of Spain in the sixth of another middles affair. Another Spaniard, welter Eugenio Cifuentes, was flattened by Günter Hase in the fifth and Larry Mistol whipped Addy Müller in a welter six. Manfred Hass iced Heinz Block in the opening stanza of a middles debate. 7,000 attended the show.

▶ Brest, France. Author of several recent upsets, Robert Tartari was less impressive when his big chance arrived. Awarded a title-bout with Dante Bini, he was unable to produce the form showed here several months ago against the champion and after fifteen rounds was flattered with a drawn decision. Edouard Ptak beat Pierre Sarkissian in a welter ten. At St. Brieuc, Gaston Mathieu outdistanced Jean Santanbien in a welter ten and at the Paris Central, Stan Sobolak won over Paco Torrecilla in the third, when the latter was ruled out for obstructive tactics. At Abidjan, French West Africa, the star of Jules Touan was finally eclipsed by Tel Dovi, Gold Coast feather, who obliged the former Sable Slasher to retire in the tenth round.

▶ Pavia, Italy. Giordano Campari kept busy by creasing the French southpaw, André Meraint, in the fourth round of their feathers bout here whilst Gino Rossi returned after a longish absence to dispose of promising Giancarlo Brusa, the ref stopping the fight in the sixth round.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Still about the best middleweight in Spain, Domingo Lopez handed a regular pasting to Francisco Frances, dropping him for two counts and finally winning on points in ten rounds. In a welter eight, Juan Caballero drew with Pardo. At Bilbao, Jose-Mario Godoy had to work hard to gain a points win over Asencio in a good lightje slam over ten rounds. At Santander, Fernando Bufala stopped Gil Suarez in the third of a lightie encounter and Chele stopped Arizaga in the opening round.

▶ Valenciennes, France. Minor sensation here when Jacques Herbillon was unable to come out for the eighth round of his welter slam with Roger Facqueur. Herbillon, a southpaw, busted his left early in the fight and boxed with one hand most of the time. Roland Roy was ruled out in the fourth round of his bout with the Belgian, Emile Delplanque, in a flyweight affair. At Coutances, Roger Cappato made a return to action after miliary service, whipping Jose Alvarez in a bantam ten and at St. Nazaire, Victor Pepeder trimmed blond André Pierson in a feathers ten. At Le Havre, Gilbert Souday chilled Jean Gheerardyn in the opening frame of a welter bout.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Tanny Campo, Filipino bantam now guesting in Europe, paid a flying visit to the Spanish fight capital to cross swords with Francisco Carreno, considered quite a prospect by local experts. He was good enough to hold the light-hitting visitor to a draw over ten rounds. Luis Romero nodded Pierre Stanzack, French bantam, in a poor eight-rounder. In two national title-bouts, Ramon Correa became the middles champ by whipping the Majorcan, Domingo Mena, over twelve and Ben Buker II retained his welter laurels by trouncing modest Emilio Orozco, a former champion, also over twelve. The day before at the same venue, Chico Santos, lively Portuguese welter, stopped Ruiz Amatria in five heats.

▶ Paris. The reputation of Halimi's punching power is rapidly on the slide. At the Salle Wagram he was once again foxed by an experienced "spoiler" who refused to be overawed by the Algerian's rep as a hitter. Alex Bollaert, tough little Belgian battler, bobbed and weaved in and out of Halimi's attacks and butted open a cut over the latter's left eye during the sixth. Bollaert went down for three counts but lasted the ten rounds to lose on points. Sauveur Benamou drew with Jacques Krill in a lightie eight and Serge Leveque won an unpopular decision over Ahmed Boulgroune in a cruiser ten. At the Central, Jean Poisson lost surprisingly to Mohamed Taibi in a middles ten.

▶ Brussels. The publicity campaign in favor of Richard Bouchez received a nasty jolt when coal-black Michel Diouf stopped the Belgian middles champ in the seventh round. Bob Stevens won clearly over Hamouda Bouraoui in another middles ten.

Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, the European heavyweight champion who is undefeated as a professional and is looking to improve on his world rating with a series of bouts against American opposition.

▶ Marseilles, France. Mohamed Omari, the nifty North African feather, came through with a scintillating points win over the good Italian, Letterio Petilli, over ten whilst another Italian, Giuseppe Marotto drew with Moulay Sarahoui in a lightie ten. In Paris, André Valignat won by a mile over dour Robert Meunier in a bantam ten at the Stadium and at the Central, Frank Youst beat Roger Friant in a welter eight and Simon Carnazza drew with Meftah in a bantam eight. At Douai, Jo Ventaja wasted little time in disposing of André Younsi, who failed to come out for the third round of their feathers bout. Younsi afterwards announced his retirement from active competition. At Bruay, Pierre Hernandez scraped home close winner over Jean Labalette in a welter ten and Marcel Ranvial punched out a points win over Edouard Ptak in a lightie ten.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Still on the rampage, the Portuguese welter, Chico Santos, knocked out Javier Ortiz in the seventh frame.

▶ Paris. At the Palais des Sports, there was not a full house when Red Top Davis entered the ring against Felix Chiocca. The American was obviously no longer the old force and he offered fireworks for a couple of rounds and then left the running of the fight to the Corsican, who ran out a good enough points winner over ten rounds. In two good middles eights, André Drille got the better of Jacques Dugenie in a very close affair and Marcel Pigou was held to a drew by the South Sea Islander, Francois Anewy. Two good heavyweight bouts also added color to the program. Francis Magnetto shaking the critics by battering Serge Quali into defeat inside two rounds and Emile Vidal bulling his way to a points victory over the tough German novice, Heinz Lemm, over eight rounds.

▶ Bologna, Italy. It was something of a surprise to see Umberto Vernaglione awarded a draw after his ten-round welter bout with Sauveur Chiocca of France and the large crowd booed loud and long. Chiocca nabbed the Italian champ with a right which dumped him on the canvas for "9" in the opening round and downed Vernaglione again in the sixth for a similar count. Franco Cavicchi had nothing to beat in Al Bernard of Belgium, who was knocked cold in the second session of a heavies maul whilst Remo Carati licked Manoel Martineira, France, in a middles eight and Girolamo Putti licked René Brunet in a welter six. Elio Busetti trounced Michel Boudier in a lightie six.

▶ Marseilles, France. Louis Trochon did not get the soft touch he expected against Mario Faverzani in a middles ten and could only whip the Italian on points over ten rounds. Gracieux Lamperti scored a close points win over the Basque feather, Victor Pepeder, over ten. At the Central, Paris, Bernard Belli won the vacant Parisian cruiser title by icing Kaskowski in two rounds and Roger Maletrez nodded Flores in a middles eight.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Trying his luck for the second time, Tanny Campo was once again only able to obtain a draw here, this time against Antonio Diaz, the Spanish bantam champ, over ten rounds.

▶ Paris. Jose Manrique was less impressive than usual but nevertheless gained a useful points win over Jacques Krill in a lightie ten at the Central.

▶ At Chateauroux, Jean Guerrard blasted his way to a win over Robert Mouginot in a rugged flyweight ten which was stopped in the final round when Mouginot took several counts. At Cannes, Jacques Strocchio outscored Angelo Grego of Italy in a cruiser eight and at Epernay, Robert Meunier won over Stan Sobolak in a bantam ten. At the Paris Stadium, Tabti beat Baldacchino and Maziou whipped Serenus in the semi-finals for the Diouf Middles Belt.

▶ Rotterdam, Holland. At the Riviera Hall, Leen Jansen won a clear points victory over the strong Franco-Polish middle, Stanis Pasek, in ten rounds.

▶ Lausanne, Switzerland. The aggressive Cameroon Epiphane Akono, fought his way to a draw against the classy Italian lightweight, Annibale Omodei, over ten rounds.

▶ Paris. At the Salle Wagram, Jo Ventaja engaged in a blistering feathers ten with the Belgian, Jo Woussen, which ended in the fight being stopped in the tenth round, out on his feet after taking a long count. Jo Gardeux whipped Henryet in a fierce lightweight eight which had the crowd on its feet. At the Central, Bernard Belli successfully defended the Parisian cruiser title he had won only a week before by outpointing tough Michel Dinot in a good ten-rounder.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. The Portugese Welter, Chico Santos, run up his third success of the month in Spanish rings by thrashing Luis Castillo over ten, Whilst Luis Romero outscored Jose Cadalso in a feathers eight.

▶ In our last issue we erronously stated that Nick Moos and Al Cramp returned from Egypt with empty pockets and the Dutch Consulate paid their fares back to Holland. We were incorrectly informed. They were well treated and had their return tickets in their possession when they left Marseilles in July of last year. In Egypt they were received by the Chef du Protocol, Saleh el Shalid. When matters calm down in Egypt, it is hoped to stage boxing shows regularly with imported fighters. C. J. Jacobs of Nice, France, will take care of that.

In the December issue it was stated that Nick Moos won from Fattah by a kayo in the fifth round. He won instead from Damal Aziz in the second by a kayo and from George Halim who retired in the fourth round.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

With twenty-two knockout victories to his credit, MAX RESCH (Hamburg) was expected to stop MICKEY LAURENT (France) here at the ERNEST MERCK HALLE bout. RESCH failed and had to be content with a points victory over the ten rounds. The remaining five bouts finished inside the distance to thrill a crowd of 7000. LAURENT was forced to take a count of "Seven" in round eight. The Frenchman has never been KOed. RESCH has lost one of his 30 professional fights, a KO defeat by ALEX BUXTON.

PETER MUELLER (Cologne) middleweight champion, stopped VICTORIANO OLIVARES (Spain) in six rounds. The visitor was bleeding badly from the mouth and nose.

No. 1 challenger for the middle title, ERIC WALTER (Hamburg) halted KARLHEINZ GUDER (Herford) in four rounds. A left hook to the liver from southpaw WALTER brought the fight to a close. It was GUDER'S second defeat in fourteen paid starts.

Welter champion, GUNTER HASE (Berlin) ended his fight with the Spaniard ENGENIO CIFUENTES (Spain) in round five.

MANFRED HASE (Berlin) won over BLOCK (Dusseldorf) a right hook ended the contest by a K.O. in round one.

HELMUT MISTOL (Berlin) stopped ADDY MUELLER (Cologne), brother of Peter, in one round.

▶ In Belgium, ex champion Abel Soudan outpointed Horst Garz of Magdeburg over ten rounds.

▶ HANS STRETZ (Berlin) German cruiser champion, who was forced to pull out of his EBU title fight with GERHARD HECHT because of an eye injury, has started light training. He will have his first fight in May.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BLACKPOOL:—Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 119, was a little fortunate to receive the decision over the bantamweight champion of British Guiana, Rudy Edwards, 119½, at the end of eight rounds. The crowd greeted the decision with boos, as they were of the opinion that the southpaw from British Guiana had done enough to warrant the nod. . . . Lew Devro, Liverpool, 121, stopped Lol Reaney, Southport, 121½, in the fifth. . . . Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 123¼, defeated Billy Adams, Newcastle, 125, in a two fisted battle in four rounds. . . . Arthur Gummersall, Bradford, 138, outpointed Pat Donald, Dublin, 140, in four. . . . Billy Riley, Liverpool, 152, knocked out Charlie Hadley, Preston, 154, in the first round.

▶BELFAST:—George Lavery, Belfast, 164, was too strong for Ken Lancaster, Mexborough, 154¼, and after the latter had taken three counts of "eight", he retired at the end of the fifth round. . . . Billy Smith, Bangor, 128¼, gained a points win over Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 131, in eight. . . . Tommy Rogers, Ballymena, 233½, had a big weight advantage over Ken Burt, Doncaster, 186, and this helped him to gain the decision at the end of eight rounds. . . . Danny Hatton, Belfast, 141, outpointed Harry Stanford, Belfast, 139½, in six. . . . Billy Adams, Belfast, 123, was fortunate to receive the referee's decision over Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 118¾, in six.

▶WILLENHALL:—Derek Liversidge, Retford, 147, gained a clear cut points win at the expense of the Midland Area welterweight champion, Billy Wooding, Birmingham, 144½, after eight hard fought rounds. . . . Jackie Scott, Preston, 168, gained a hotly disputed points win over George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 169, in their six round bout. . . . Mick Leahy, Coventry, 147, stopped Tex Williams, Carlisle, 149¾, in the fourth. . . . Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 149, outpointed Johnny Griffin, Leicester, 147, in six. . . . Pancho Bhattachajee, India, 111, was too clever for Benny Lloyd, Rhyl, 111, and it was no surprise when the referee stopped the bout in the fourth, after the latter was down for nine. . . . Tim Giles, Stepney, 155, stopped Tommy Enniffer, Leamington, 158½, in the second.

▶WEMBLEY:—Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 126½, retained his unbeaten certificate with a narrow points win over Andy Doherty, Belfast, 126¾, in six. . . . Charlie Howe, West Ham, 173½, outpointed Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 167½, in six. . . . Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 158½, opened his professional career with a good points win against Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 165, in six. . . . Dennis Booty, Stepney, 167¼, knocked out Roy Francis, Brixton, 167½, in the second. . . . Johnny Burke, Acton, 177, had to fight hard to win on points over Frank Davis, Gloucester, 166, in six. . . . Billy Graydon, Bethnal Green, 132, stopped Jimmy McAteer, Belfast, 128, in the second.

▶DORTMUND, GERMANY:—Brian London, the young Blackpool heavyweight, took part in his most important contest to date, and although on the losing end after ten rounds against Heinz Neuhaus, former European heavyweight champion, nevertheless he came through with credit, for he put up a very good bout against an experienced opponent.

PARIS:—Pat McAteer, British middleweight champion, was not strong enough to keep Charles Humez at bay in their European middleweight championship bout. A cut eye in the fourth round was a big handicap, and referee Henri Nicole of Switzerland wisely called a halt in the eighth to save a game lad from further punishment.

WALSALL:—Clive Campling, Norwich, 139, cleverly outpointed the hard hitting Derek Clarke, Burnley, 136, in eight. . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 167, knocked out Tommy Turner, Manchester, 168, in the second round. . . . Andy Doherty, Walsall, 128½, outpointed Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 131, in six. . . . Ron Batey, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 159, knocked out Bob Clarke, Norwich, 154, in the second.

BLACKPOOL:—Dave Croll, Dundee, 126½, scored a knockout over Cliff Giles, Linton, 123, in the eighth and last round. . . . Lew Devro, Liverpool, 120, knocked out Alf Lister, Manchester, 123, in the third. . . . John Hernon, Manchester, 114, outpointed Gerry Parker, Nottingham, 113, in four. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 135, knocked out Ron Bernard, Carlisle, 142, in the first. . . . Don Jarvis, Nottingham, 151, outpointed Billy Riley, Liverpool, 151, in four.

▶BELFAST:—A new flyweight champion of Northern Ireland was crowned when Dave Moore, Belfast, 111, outpointed Jim Loughrey, Derry, 111¼, over 12 rounds. . . . Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 139¼, and Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 135½, fought a hectic battle on an even keel which went into the seventh round, before the referee intervened in Cowan's favor, as Phillips had sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Jim "Spike" McCormick, Belfast, 134, knocked out Jim Fisher, Belfast, 139¼, in the second. . . . Billy Skelly, Belfast, 120, gained a good points win over Billy Adams, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 125, in eight. . . . Len Donnelly, Derry, 139½, stopped Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 132¼, in the second.

▶MANCHESTER:—Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 149, Scottish welterweight champion, enhanced his reputation with a clear cut points win over Jackie Butler, Preston, 147, in eight. . . . Arthur Donnachie, Glasgow, 129½, had little trouble in defeating Alby Tissong, South Africa, 131¼, on points after eight rounds. . . . Tissong was but a shadow of his previous prowess, and the announcement that he has decided to retire from actual combat, was no surprise. . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 142, soon solved the southpaw stance of Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 143½, and after putting the Brum on the deck for nine in the fifth, the referee intervened to save the latter from further punishment. . . . Ted Williams, the Huddersfield cruiserweight, gained a points victory over Joe Walcott, Trinidad, in eight. . . . Gerry McNally, Liverpool, outclassed Bonny Garroway, Trinidad, and the bout was stopped in the second. These last two are middleweights. . . . Pull Dunne, Manchester, outpointed Gerry Jones, Wigan, in a six round bantamweight bout.

▶National Sporting Club, LONDON:—Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 158½, kept his unbeaten certificate when he gained a hard earned points decision over George Roe, Wolverhampton, 164, in eight. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 135½, stopped Stan Skinkiss, Manchester, 135¾, in the third. . . . Danny Wall, Wembley, 173¾, outclassed Johnny Verron, Guernsey, 171¼, and the bout was stoped in the first round. . . . Billy Corcoran, Harrow, 148, knocked out Derek Cook, Pimlico, 147½, in the second. . . . Pat Loughran, Belfast, 142¼, and Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 137, fought a draw in six.

▶BLACKPOOL:—Jack London, Blackpool, 174, and Abe Stanley, Poole, 174½, were tossed out of the ring by Referee Harry Humphries in the fourth round for persistent holding and mauling.

The referee cautioned them three times to break when told, but they continued to maul each other, with the referee calling a halt, and declaring "NO Contest". . . . The fans were treated to a lively set-to by Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 126, and Billy Adams, Newcastle, 126, and at the end of the four rounds, Burns was awarded a points decision. . . . Tommy Keeley, Birkenhead, 147, made a successful debut in his professional career when he stopped Hugh Cullen, Ireland, 143, in the first. . . . Gerry Parker, Nottingham, 112, outpointed John Hernon Manchester, 114, in four.

▶BELFAST:—Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 118½, Olympic bronze medalist, took 2 mins. 10 secs. of the first round to K.O. Derek McReynolds, Old Colwyn, 123¾, in his Professional debut. . . . Gil O'Neill, Belfast, 131, made it eight straight, when he easily outpointed Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 131½, in eight. . . . Don Doherty, Belfast, 154½, stopped Frankie Davis, Gloucester, 163, in the sixth. . . . Johnny Haines, Belfast, 144½, stopped Harry Stanford, Belfast, 139½, in the second. . . . Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 119½, gained a clear points win over Billy Adams, Belfast, 120½, in six. . . .

▶BIRMINGHAM:—Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, came in two lbs. overweight at 142, and he did a good job of work in outpunching Ivor Germain, Barbados, 139, After five rounds the referee intervened to save Germain from unnecessary punishment. . . . Eddie Ricketts, Birmingham, 146, scored a K.O. over Arnold Beaumont, Leeds, 147, in the fourth. . . . Micky Driscoll, Brierley Hill, 136¼, outpointed Derek Clarke, Burnley, 137, in six. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 137, knocked out Danny Robins, Gloucester, 138¼, in the fifth. . . . Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 156, outpointed Don Jervis, Beeston, 154¼, in six. . . . Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 165¼, and Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 161, fought six hectic rounds to a draw. . . .

▶NEWCASTLE:—Leo Moloney, Hillingdon, 149¼, was a mighty lucky boy at the end of the ten round bout with Pierre Wouters, Belgium, 148¾, for after being on the receiving end for most of the contest, referee Jim Folland's score card had him as the winner. The crowd did not take kindly to the decision, and it was some time before the booing had died down. . . . Johnny Miller, North Shields, 141, was clearly outpointed by Ernie Fossey, Islington, 138, the latter was a late substitute. . . . Arthur McGregor, Middlesborough, 129¾, outpointed David Croll, Dundee, 129¼, in six. . . . Len Mullen, Glasgow, 175, defeated Clark Mellor, New Mills, 174, on points in six. . . . John Bamborough, Hartlepool, 132¾, outpointed Stan Barnett, North Shields, 133, in six. . . .

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO MARCH 20, 1957

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. James J. Parker (C)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Mike Holt (SA)	Darby Brown (A)
3. Joe Bygraves (J)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Yama Bahama (B)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. Kitione Lave (To)	Arthur Howard (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
5. Dick Richardson (W)	Randy Turpin (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	Evie Vorster (SA)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Lew Lazar (E)	Frank Johnson (E)
7. Brian London (E)	Albert Finch (E)	Les Allen (E)	Peter King (E)
8. Peter Bates (E)	Sammy Langford (N)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Jimmy Croll (S)
9. Tom Hini (F)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Bill Beazley (NZ)	Hector Constance (T)
10. Allen Williams (A)	Isimeli Radrodro (F)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Joe Ngidi (SA)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Kevin James (A)	Frankie Jones (S)
3. Joe Lucy (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Dick Currie (S)
4. Dave Charnley (E)	Bobby Neill (S)	John Smillie (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
5. Boswell St. Louis (T)	Charley Hill (S)	George Dormer (E)	Pat Supple (C)
6. Sammy McCarthy (E)	Sammy Bonnici (M)	Peter Moledi (SA)	Len Reece (W)
7. Jason Radebe (SA)	Percy Lewis (T)	Ronnie Dean (SA)	Dennis Adams (SA)
8. Darky Hughes (W)	Matt Fulton (T)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
9. Paddy Graham (I)	Jomo Jackson (WA)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Ezekial Shole (SA)
10. George Bracken (A)	Roy Jacobs (WA)	Dick White (A)	Ado Garuba (WA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Hondoras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand (S)Scotland (SA) South Africa (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

▶ DERBY:—Derek Liversidge, Retford, 146¼, gave one of his best performances to outpoint Gordon Goodman, Bournemouth, 143, over eight rounds. . . . Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 146, knocked out, Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 148, in the fifth. . . . Tex Woodward, Bristol, 150¾, outslugged Tex Williams, Carlisle, 150½, in six. . . . Reg Jackson, Derby, 131½, outpointed Bill James, Tegryn, 132, in six. . . . Teddy Barker, Swindon, 136, stopped Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 136½, in the third. . . .

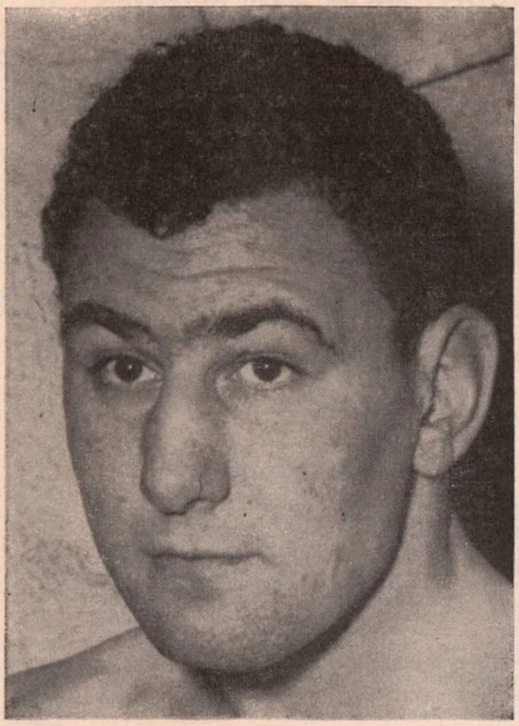
PRESTON:—Johnny Sullivan Preston, 173, was surprisingly defeated by the aggressive Nigerian, who bears the name of one of the greatest fighters of the past, viz:—SAM LANGFORD. The colored boy, who scaled 174¾, was the aggressor for the first six rounds, and took an early lead, and try as he might to score a K.O. Sullivan was unable to do so, and at the end of the eight rounds, Langford was declared the winner. . . . Tery McHale, Liverpool, 128, won in the fourth round against Nye Ankarah, Gold Coast, 131, when the latter was ruled out for alleged "butting". . . . Peter Coblah, Gold Coast, 138, knocked out Vic Smith, Croydon, 141, in the second. . . . Alf Cottam, Preston, 133, outpointed Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 129¼, in six. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 120, outpointed Eric Lord, Bacup, 118, in six. . . . Roy Allway, Halifax, 157, knocked out Charlie Hadley, Preston, 149, in the second. . . .

▶ WEMBLEY:—Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 138, in his fourth professional contest thrilled the large crowd by his perfect timing, to score a popular points win against Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 138, in six exciting rounds. . . . More will be heard of this young Welshman. . . . Ron Jones, West Ham, 120, outclassed Peter Kidd, Cleethorpes, 120¾, and the bout was stopped after 1 min. 45 secs. of the first round. . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 127¼, improves in every bout, and his performance in stopping Tommy Gillen, Uxbridge, 128, in the second round, was most convincing. . . . Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 155¼, made a successful professional debut by stopping Johnny Stansfield, South Africa, 156, in the second. . . . Pancho Bhattachajee, India, 111¾, stopped Gordon Reckie, Welwyn, 111½, in the third. . . . Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 158¼, easily outpointed Tommy Charles, Trinidad, 158½, in six. . . . Pat Loughran, Covent Garden, 140½, outpointed Johnny Lomey, Euston, 141, over six interesting rounds. . . . Jimmy McAteer, Belfast, 129, knocked out Brian Shemmings, Battersea, 126¾, in the first.

▶ BLACKPOOL:—Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 125¾, lasted the better in his contest against Tonny Russell, Leeds, 128, and was a worthy points winner over six rounds. . . . Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 128, and Colin Cough, Blackpool, 126, put up a hectic bout over four rounds, which ended in a draw. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 123½, outpointed Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 122½, in four. . . . Tommy Keeley, Birkenhead, 148, won on points over Roy Allway, Halifax, 148, in four. . . . Lol Reaney, Southport, 121, stopped Maryin McDonagh, Dublin, 123½, in the first, when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 127, outpointed Billy Adams, Newcastle, 125, in four. . . .

BELFAST:—The Ulster Hall was packed to overflowing to witness the flyweight bout between two recent additions to the professional ranks, Ivan McCready, Millisle, 112¾, and Pat Glancy, Glasgow, 114, after eight hard fought rounds, McCready was declared the winner, which must have been a very narrow margin. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 136, outpointed Peter Coblah, Gold Coast, 139¼, in Eight. . . . Jim "Spike" McCormick, Belfast, 135, stopped Al Thomas, Belfast, 135½, in the fifth. . . . Don Doherty, Belfast, 161, knocked out Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 162, in the seventh, when the latter failed to regain entry into the ring, after being knocked through the ropes by a long right to the jaw. . . . George McDade, Glasgow, 114½, made a successful entry into the paid ranks with a good win over Billy Adams, Belfast, 120, who was on the receiving end for five rounds before the referee intervened, to save a game lad unnecessary punishment. . . .

▶ National Sporting Club. . . . A new Welsh welterweight champion was crowned in London, when Les Morgan, now of Acton, 146, dethroned the holder Rees Moore, now of Luton, 145½, in the ninth round. Moore had taken four counts during the time, and it came as no surprise when referee Stanley Davies intervened in favour of Morgan. . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136, gained a points decision over Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 137, in six. . . . Terry Gill, Stepney, 147, and Jack Burley, Hackney, 145¾, put up a thrilling six round battle, with Gill getting a narrow decision. . . . Teddy Barker, Swindon, 133, outpointed Pat Price, Newry, 140½, in six. . . . Vic Bower, Hornchurch, 137½, and Ron Gilbert, Stratford, 139, fought a draw over six rounds. . . .



British boxing suffered a severe jolt when heavyweight champion Joe Erskine was demolished in less than a round by Cuban Nino Valdes at Earls Court, London. Erskine was dropped twice and ready to go down again when the referee stopped the one-sided encounter.

▶ EARLS COURT, LONDON:—When the boxing season started here in the British Isles, we were looking through rose coloured glasses at the young crop of heavyweights whom we thought had hopes of lifting the British flag high in the clouds as future WORLDS heavyweight challengers. Joe Erskine, Dick Richardson and Henry Cooper were our hopes, but out of the Cuban Wilds came NINO VALDES who put the skids under Dick Richardson in nine rounds, and followed with a ONE round "BLITZKREIG" on Joe Erskine, British heavyweight champion.

They entered the ring amid a fanfare of THE JACK SOLOMONS TRUMPETS—Valdes relaxed and easy going. But when you looked into the face of the British champion, he was tense and with a world of worries on his mind. Referee Jack Hart called them together in the center of ring to receive their last orders, they touched gloves and the contest was on its way. Valdes towered over Erskine who was forced round the ring. A left hook to the jaw from the Cuban made the Welshman's legs buckle, then a right to the head put him down in Valdes' own corner. Instead of taking a count of eight or nine, Erskine started to rise at once until the count had reached five. He was then at the mercy of the towering gladiator from Cuba, who threw punch after punch at the backward tottering British champion. Erskine had no defense and was an easy target for a left that straightened him up for a long right to the head, which toppled him over. Again Erskine started to rise at once, but by the time he was perpendicular at six, he staggered backwards and was about to fall, when Referee Jack Hart quickly stepped between them and raised the hand of VALDES as the winner after 2 mins. 3 secs. of the first round. . . . Valdes scaled 207½. Erskine, 196½.—I am making no excuses for Joe Erskine, but in this writer's opinion, he was beaten before he entered the ring by what we old timers call TEMPERMENT or big fight nerves. . . . Worse was to follow, Henry Cooper, Bellingham, 195½, with a previous points win over Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead & Jamaica, 202, fought like a novice against the aggressive Jamaican. The slow handclap by the bored fans felt a happy relief in the ninth round, when Bygraves connected with a left hook to the body that put Cooper on the canvas for the full count. . . .

The large crowd were fully compensated by the showing of The Paddington Scot, Bobby Neill, 128, who thoroughly overwhelmed Dos Santos, Portugal, 126¾, in the seventh round, causing the referee to intervene to save Santos from further punishment. Neill's win was most creditable, as in his previous appearance in a British ring, he was narrowly outpointed by Hogan Bassey, Empire featherweight champion, also that he showed no ill effects of his K.O. defeat by Jimmy Brown in Belfast. . . . Ron Currie, Belfast, 118½, was very unlucky to lose to Eric Brett, Retford, 119½, in the sixth and last round, when referee Nicky Fox stopped the bout with a few seconds to go because of a severe cut over Currie's right eye. . . . Manuel Burgo, North Shields, 182½, won Jack Solomons £500 heavyweight competition, by outpointing Fenrick Ward, Trinidad 210½, in the final. . . .

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Eric Moolman

Jimmy Martinez, the American middleweight, outpointed Jimmy Elliott, of South Africa, in a ten round contest before a small crowd at the Wembley Stadium, Johannesburg. Elliott won the early rounds through his superior boxing, but from the fifth round the American began to assert himself and punished Elliott, particularly with heavy rights to the head. Martinez displayed good boxing ability and used a neat left to Elliott's face.

▶ Willie Toweel, the South African and Empire Lightweight champion, retained his titles when he TKO'd Johnny "Smiler" van Rensburg in the 5th round before a crowd of 4000 at the Green Point Track, Cape Town.

Van Rensburg, with a deep cut over his right eye, could not come up for the 5th round and Toweel was declared the winner.

While it lasted the fight was unusually fast and spectacular for a bout which was expected to go fifteen rounds. It was close going over the four rounds and van Rensburg made an excellent fight of it.

Middleweight: Vic Bredenkamp KO'd Piet van Breda. Colin Buchanan outpointed Kid Combrinck.

▶ The Toweel vs. van Rensburg title fight was the 350th professional fight refereed by Mr. Edgar Lipsett since 1908. He has also refereed over 3000 amateur bouts.

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WHEN 'KING KAP' REIGNED

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The son of the Meriden junk man was no sucker in the ring, but he was always an easy mark for a touch. Remembering all too well his own humble beginnings and hardships, he was never able to say "No" to a hard luck story.

If the contemplated featherweight tourney for Sandy Saddler's vacated title comes up with a winner worthy of being classed with the victor in the 1925 eliminations, Louis "Kid" Kaplan, as both a champion and a good fellow, it will indeed be something to look forward to.

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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on his side and rolled over on his back as Referee Petey Della counted him out. Harold Smith, 131, Washington, D. C., outfought Iggy Maldonado, 129½, Bronx, in an exciting semi-final six. Wally Henderson, 153¾, Jersey City, outslugged Dick Lowery, 159½, College Point, in another rousing six, in which the winner was down once and the loser twice. In fours, Louis Holmes, 186½, Brooklyn, edged Billy Mack, 198, Jersey City; Benny Antonetti, 147¼, Puerto Rico, decisioned Billy Gibson, 149¾, Hackensack, N. J., and Ray McNeill, 127, Toronto, Canada, drew with Primo Arellano, 128¼, Brooklyn.

▶With odds of 4 to 1 against him, chunky Walter Byars, 144¾, Roxbury, Mass., uncovered a stunning upset by bulling his way to a unanimous decision over rangy, stylish Garnett (Sugar) Hart, 145¾, Philadelphia, in an exciting ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Byars' first showing outside his native New England, and Hart's debut in the Garden, although New Yorkers and the TV clientele had previously seen him score four knockouts at St. Nicholas Arena. Byars' apparent disadvantages in height and reach were turned into distinct advantages by the New Englander. His crouching style and turtle-like defense made him a difficult target for Hart to hit. Most of the Philadelphian's punches either swished harmlessly over the ducking Byars or were blocked by his tight defense of arms and gloves. Byars fought a cool, heady bout, plodding constantly forward, bobbing and weaving under Hart's punches, lashing out when openings presented themselves, and scoring with looping lefts and rights to Hart's head. Tommy Salem, 135, Cleveland, ran into misfortune in the semi-final eight with Walter Brown, 132, Baltimore. Well in front, Tommy suffered a gashed eyebrow in the seventh, prompting the referee to call a halt at the round's 1:59 mark and crediting Brown with a knockout. Nick Dalleva, 163¼, Long Island City, decisioned Bobby Gomez, 159¾, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Tommy Kelly, 121½, West Side, won from Manuel Rodriguez, 120, Puerto Rico; Paul Wright, 162½, West Side, outpointed Edmund George, 162½, Harlem, and Joey Archer, 151, Bronx, stopped Whitey Porr, 148¼, Kings Point, at 0:56 of the fourth.

▶Improving in every start, Tony DiBiase, 148, Astoria's 21-year-old New York University geology student, posted the most important victory of his 19-bout pro career by outfighting experienced Danny Giovanelli, 150, Brooklyn, in a blistering ten at St. Nicholas Arena. DiBiase got off to a fast start when his savage two-fisted onslaught nearly swept Giovanelli out of the ring in the opening round. Danny survived the early blasting, and came back to make things interesting for DiBiase the rest of the way, but he lacked the speed and durability of the rugged Long Island youngster and was constantly outfought in the furious exchanges. Despite the solid socking, neither fighter was in serious trouble at any time, and the only noticeable facial damage was suffered by the winner, DiBiase collecting a deep gash over his left eye in the first round, but his handlers did a fine job of patching between rounds and it wasn't until late in the bout that the cut reopened. Tony DeCola, 147, Brooklyn, won from Roger Harvey, 143, Bermuda, in the semi-final six. Ernie Roberts, 146, Harlem, whipped Bobby Shell, 146, Washington, D. C., in another six. In fours, Artie McCann, 142, West Side, decisioned Rene Roman, 146, Long Island City, and Julie Vadi Medina, 138, Jersey City, had the better of Joaquin Suarez, 136, Bronx.

AFTER THE BELL . . . During a slow season at his marine equipment shop in North Bergen, N. J., Jim Braddock is keeping active by joining another ex-champion, Gus Lesnevich, on the sales staff of the big Tose trucking outfit in Jersey City.

En route back to Scotland from Australia, British Empire bantam champion Peter Keenan stopped off in New York long enough to get the I.B.C. interested in matching him with Raton Macias. Indications are that the bout will be arranged for late April or early May, with the site to be selected from among Mexico City, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

BOXING IN UTAH

By Pete Giacoma

With a local television contract promoter Dave Reynold is doing a fine job in rebuilding the boxing game in Salt Lake. He staged three fine cards during the past month, and each drew a larger crowd than the preceding one.

▶Salt Lake City Coliseum: Darrell Layton, 170, Layton, Utah, turned in a surprise win over the veteran Roger Wiley, 167, Beverly, Mass., in the featured six. Wiley's strong finish seemed to have earned him the nod, but the split vote went against him.

Don Kennington, 149, Star Valley, Wyo., and Larry Meyers, 150, Ogden, fought to a draw 6; Jesse Poole, 156, Salt Lake, stopped Mike Raymond, 154, Ogden, in the third; Pete Tolley, 187, Park City, Utah, kayoed Keith Lund, 177, Butte, in the first and Baby Armond halted Johnny Whitecloud in one.

▶Roger Wiley, 165, Beverly, Mass., showed to advantage over the longer route as he fought his way to a unanimous ten round nod over Dick Lane, 161, Boise. The fight was a bloody and exciting one.

Don Kennington, 148, Star Valley, Wyo., won easily over Rusty O'Brien, 146, Reno, Nev., in 6; Ronnie Sanchez, 131, Reno, outlasted Shorty Ross, 132, Ogden, in a free swinging 4; Andy Campos, Salt Lake, stopped Tom Dachio of Reno in the second and Joe Rivers of Salt Lake disposed of Stanford Christy of Reno in the second.

▶Jesse Poole, 159, Salt Lake, scored two knockdowns in halting Roy Cooper, 159, Reno, in the second. Don Kennington, 150, Star Valley, Wyo., fought his way to victory over Jean LaForte, 146, Reno, 6, and John Brunetti, 167, Salt Lake, kayoed Dean Anderson, 176, Rexburg, Idaho in the first.

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NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE SECOND AUSTRALIAN TITLE TILT OF 1957 TOOK PLACE at Melbourne Stadium, when RICARDO MARCOS, light-heavyweight champion, met DON BRONCO JOHNSON over 15 rounds. Marcos won by a large margin. Last time they met, Marcos won a close decision which many though should have gone to Johnson. But there was no doubt this time.

▶At Sydney Stadium ten days before, JOHNSON gave away over ten pounds in weight to ERNIE BULL HUGHES, the light-heavy from the northern State of Queensland, who held Marcos to a draw recently. Hughes won the first round of his fight with Johnson, but after that it was just a matter of when the K.O. wallop would land. Don turned the trick in the fifth round with body punches. Full count was applied over the Bull, who disappointed with his display. He did not seem to be in the best condition.

The semi-windup of that night was a beauty. Featherweight BRIAN BENNETT, easily outpointed DARCY CARR over ten rounds and the boys received a shower of coins from the ringsiders. Bennett is the recipient of more showers than any fighter in Australia, which is unusual for a boy who is essentially a boxer.

The same night TOMMY BURNS, Australia's biggest drawcard of a few years ago, presented the TOMMY BURNS TROPHY to featherweight BILLY LAWRENCE, as the year's most improved preliminary boy. This was Burns' second annual award, the first being to Johnny Jarrett in 1955.

▶At Sydney Stadium LAWRENCE fought WALLY ATKINS to a standstill and a draw in their semi-windup over ten rounds. They had met previously over 12 rounds and that fight was a draw, too. Both fights were thrillers and both times the boys received showers. However, Lawrence adopted the wrong tactics against Atkins, who is a strong lad with a punch. Lawrence fought Atkins all the way, hence he took needless punches. Billy is a fast boxer and he should have boxed Atkins.

The main fight of that night was between JOHNNY JARRETT and BRIAN SMITH, two very hard punchers—Jarrett with his right, Smith with his left hook. They met to find a challenger for James' Australian bantam title, but Smith would do better in the featherweight division, on which he has concentrated in recent years.

There were six knockdowns in the seven rounds the contest lasted. Jarrett scored five with rights to the jaw and Smith scored his only knockdown with a left hook.

Referee Vic Patrick counted out Smith.

▶At Brisbane, DICK WHITE stopped TEDDY RAINBOW in six rounds in such a style that he could be just the boy to beat Jarrett. He has just the style to beat Jarrett. However, I think Kevin James is safe from both of them.

▶BRUNO VISINTIN knocked out AUGUSTIN ARGOTE in eight rounds at Melbourne. Argote did not display any of his former ability.

Three weeks later, also at Melbourne, VISINTIN suffered defeat at the hands of ATTU CLOTTEY, West African who fought George Barnes here for the Empire title in 1955. Barnes beat Clottey then. His points win over Visintin puts the bone-chewing, tribal-scarred Clottey in line for another fight with Barnes.

▶JIM JAMIESON, veteran and respected fight trainer in Brisbane, received his finel notice from the man no one ever escapes. Jim died on February 7.

▶Lightweight MAX SIMPSON caused an upset when he outpointed DON McDONNELL, brother of Billy, in the main bout at Sydney Stadium. It was Don's first fight in two and a half years, but he was installed favorite with the betting boys at 2/5.

▶SIMPSON journeyed south to Adelaide and outpointed JOHNNY SHORT in a thrilling contest. This fight was what was needed in Adelaide to help boxing down there.

▶MAX CARLOS, Olympic representative at the Melbourne Games, turned pro and fought TONY BORRACCIA in his debut at Melbourne Stadium. It was a main bout over 12 rounds and Carlos won on points.

▶AL BOURKE, former middleweight champion of Australia, made a comeback at Adelaide and stopped RUDY CRIVAC at the end of the seventh round. Crivac quit because he objected to the referee's cautions for illegal work. At the time, Bourke was a long way in front on points. They are light-heavies.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

OVER 6,000 FANS AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, SAW 16 Golden Gloves champions crowned in the 22nd annual Tournament of Champions.

Open class championship bouts: 112-Pound Class: Mike McDaniels, St. Louis, outpointed Ted McKinney, St. Joseph.

118-Pound Class:—Tommy Reynolds, St. Louis, outpointed Jerry Morales, Kansas City.

126-Pound Class:—James Anderson, St. Louis, scored a T. K. O. in the third round over Daniel Eddington.

135-Pound Class:—Freazall Vernal, St. Louis, outpointed Johnny Benison, Kansas City.

147-Pound Class:—Joe Shaw, St. Louis scored a T. K. O. in the second round over Kenny Wilkins, Joplin, Mo.

160-Pound Class:—Buster Talley, Kansas City, outpointed Ralph Williams, Kansas City.

175-Pound Class:—Willie Clemons, St. Louis, outpointed Willie Burke, Chillicothe.

Heavyweight Class:—Jerry Buchanan, St. Louis, outpointed Booker Staten, Kansas City.

Novice class championship bouts: 112-Pound Class:—Claude Pingleton, Kansas City, outpointed Don Cutchlow, Kansas City.

118-Pound Class:—Curtis Maupin, Kansas City, outpointed Jesse Ortez, Kansas City.

126-Poung Class:—Joe Becerra, St. Louis stopped John Montez, Kansas City in second round.

135-Pound Class:—Hosey Collins, Kansas City, outpointed Frank Jones, Kansas City.

147-Pound Class:—Jerome Seamon, Kansas City, scored a third round T. K. O. over James Lloyd, Kansas City.

160-Pound Class:—Delbert Kimbrough, Kansas City, Kansas, outpointed Wayne Fletcher, Chillicothe.

175-Pound Class:—Richard Bradley, Kansas City, outpointed Clyde McVickers, St. Joseph.

Heavyweight Class:—Williams Burnison, Kansas City, Kansas, scored a second round knockout over J. D. Love, Springfield.

BOXING IN ENSENEDA
By N. Cueves

Kildo Martinez, fifth ranking Mexican flyweight decisioned Bobby Singleton of Philadelphia, in a ten rounder.

Baby Canti, 140, halted Jorge Nunez in the second.

In the special six, Kiki Barrios, 132, won on points over Chino Esquivel, 134. Baby Castro, 118, decisioned Jesus Corona, 119. Al Castaneda, 113, stopped Kid Rubi, in the 2nd.

Juan (Bombin) Padilla, 143, Mexican welterweight champion, won a close ten round decision in a scrappy fight with Al (Molote) Cota, 147.

In a lightweight bout, Rudy Nieto decisioned Ruben Gonzalez, over six rounds. Kiki Barrios halted Mario Flores in three. They are lightweights. Flyweight Baby Castro defeated Al Castaneda in four and featherweight Roberto Pinedo kayoed Mickey Cossio in three.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

The annual golden gloves tournament finals were held at the State Fair Coliseum with a crowd of 8,124 spectators turning out for the activities. It was an excellent promotion job on part of Sports Guild, who worked hard in putting this tournament over. Champions in their respective divisions are:

OPEN CLASS: Heavyweight: Osse Groom; 175 lbs.: Robert Wardlaw; 160 lbs.: Rudy Stringer; 147 lbs.: Willie Hunt; 135 lbs.: Edgar Gregory; 126 lbs.: Louis Eggleston; 118 lbs.: Robert Cornwell; and 112 lbs.: Wayman Gray.

JUNIOR NOVICE: Heavyweight: Ed Budde; 175 lbs.: Wayne Bachenko; 160 lbs.: Mike Brown; 147 lbs.: Ray Clayton; 135 lbs.: Ceifor Rogers; 126 lbs.: Brad Stewart; 118 lbs.: Jack Wheeler; and 112 lbs.: Dave Simmler.

NOVICE: Heavyweight: Willie Williams; 147 lbs.: John Hess; 135 lbs.: Charles Prince; and 126 lbs.: Len Shreve.

Team championship went to Jimmy Myland's Brewster Recreation.

▶Two Michigan entries reached finals of the 30th Annual Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Chicago, Osse Groom, Detroit heavyweight, and Bill Vereecken, Grand Rapids featherweight.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . Jim Bowlin has his good hard punching young middleweight Henry Hank working hard and is ready to take on the best. . . . The Michigan AAU tournament is underway now and is being vidioed locally, such as was the golden gloves. . . . Big news here the past month was the signing of Chuck Speiser to face Tony Anthony with the winner meeting aging Archie Moore for the crown here in June. A win for Speiser and a shot for the title in Detroit should mean a big gate at the Olympia for promoter Nick Londes and the IBC.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan B. Copeland

Sunday, February 10 was a big day for Promoter Louis Craig who put on 24 rounds of boxing that delighted a big gathering at his Arena Colon. Jesus Santamaria, 126½, gave former feather king Rodolfo Francis a sound beating in a ten rounder. A few weeks before the winner defeated the bantamweight champion, Melvin Bourne, in 10. Santamaria looks like a sure bet to take the title left vacant by Isidro Martinez, now in the States.

Al Rodriguez, 134, and Fenley Hooker, 132, roughed it too much and the referee called a halt and declared it "no contest".

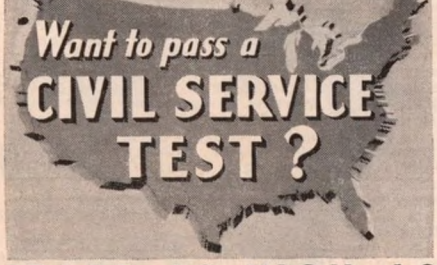
Sam Bruce, 140, knocked out Rodolfo Henry, 138½, in the third round. Basilio Williams, 126, won a split decision over Valentin Brown, 127, in 4.

▶A Kingston, Jamaica paper finds fault with the February classification of its star Gerald Gray, welter champion who is listed in The Ring's Annual ranking in Class B. The sports editors think Gray belongs in Class A, the same as was given to Jose Edwin who was defeated by Irvine Blues when they fought for the Panama crown. Blues in turn was stopped by Gray at Sabina Park in Kingston in the seventh round. Gray has won 11 consecutive bouts and since winning the Jamaica welter title has defeated three Caribbean welter champions and two American fighters.

▶On promoter Louis Craig's show at the Arena Colon, Claudio Martinez decisioned bantamweight champion Melvin Bourne. Martinez weighed 117, Bourne, 119. Claudio is the younger brother of Isadro. It was a ten rounder.

Benito Tunon, 133½, won a split decision from Fenley Hooker, 133, in a good six round fight. Valentin Brown won a decision from Alfredo Stewart, in a featherweight four.

Basilio Williams won a decision from Victor Smith in a fast four round featherweight bout.



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IN "PACIFIC N.W." RINGS
By R. D. Casey

BOXING SWUNG INTO HIGH GEAR AGAIN IN THE N. W. with heavyweights holding the spotlight. The balance of the winter season promises to be a boom period, with the Willie Pastrano-Pat McMurtry rematch tentatively set as the first of the ball park shows, should do $100,000.

▶SEATTLE'S CIVIC AUDITORIUM: Jack Hurley unveiled the "new" Bob Albright, 223, before Seattle fans and he was lucky to gain a split ten round decision over Philadelphia's Joe Rowan, 190. Albright has been under an intensive period of training with Hurley designed to make him into a sharpshooter in the Harry Matthews manner. But nature intended Big Boy to be a bruiser, period! He's just not the lithe Matthews type. Gate $6738.

Big Terry Lewis, 240, Sioux City, won a wild swinging brawl when he sunk the latest Puget Sound dreadnaught Bruce Olson, 262, in the third. Burt Singer, 145, Seattle, outpointed Ernie Davis, 145, Georgetown in 6. Kel Wayne, 168, Portland, Kayo'd Tommy Berg, 161, Seattle in five. Bill Miller, 152, Seattle, Stretched Freddy Mack, 157, Portland in the opening round. While the Seattle veteran Johnny Wells, 163, took the four canto curtain raiser from Don Horn, 155, Seattle.

▶SALEM, ORE.: Gigantic Ewart Potgieter 7'2", 300 lb. South African now campaigning under the Sid Flaherty banner here in the N. W., pummeled his way to a 5 round TKO over Dave Roy, 200 lb. Canadian from Vancouver B. C.

Eddie Machen, heavyweight contender from Redding Calif., boxed a 3-round exhibition with Roger Rischer. The gate was $1875.

Johnny Jurs, 163, Vancouver B. C. kayo'd Pat Noriga, 166, in four. Larry Regan, 135, Nampa Idaho, took the six round nod from Ron Flannigan 131, of Seattle. Tommy Thomas, 198, Portland drew with the Seatfle veteran Johnny Wells, 152, in six.

▶LONGVIEW, WASH.: Seattle's Lou Joseph, 152, finally got a crack at a "name" fighter and he sent Frisco's Maurice Harper, 149, to the cleaners in 7 rounds. Now he wants some more of the name welters.

Eddie Machen, top heavyweight contender on the Coast, boxed a 3-round exhibition with Roger Rischer.

Ponderous Bruce Olson, 260, Seattle, kayo'd Terry Johnson of Seattle in two. Capable Terry Hall, 134, Seattle, handily beat Jack Moreno, 139, over the six-round route. Johnny Jurs, Canadian middleweight took the nod from Ralph Cobbin in 4.

▶SEATTLE CIVIC AUDITORIUM: Despite a heavy fall of snow and biting winds the Auditorium was jam-packed for the finals of the Golden Gloves Tournament. Rocky Marciano was presented to the crowd as was his manager Al Weill. The Rock was third man in the ring for a few of the bouts. Final winners were: Heavyweight Jim McCarter, U. of Washington glove star who is favored to be the only simon pure to ever win the national title twice in a row; Light-heavy Lindy Lindmoser of Vancouver B. C.; Middle Kirk Barrow of Spokane; Light middleweight Denny Moyer of the famed Portland fistic family; Welter Charley Brown of Tacoma; Light welter Johnny White of Portland; Lightweight Frank Talaga of Seattle; Feather winner was BOBBY HICKS, sensational N. W. amateur champion; Bantam Bill Milsten of Seattle; Flyweight, Paul Ramos of Yakima Wash.

We predict McCarter, Moyer and Hicks will go all the way. Up here the only simon pure on a par with McCarter is Pete Rademacher, Olympic Games champion from Grandview Washington.

▶CASEY'S CORNER. . . . August 1-3 will see an international Boxing Tournament staged in Seattle in conjunction with the "SEAFAIR" Festivities. . . . Local fans have come up with "the Halibut Schooner" as a nickname for the huge Puget Sounder 260-lb., Bruce Olson. . . .

BOXING NEWS FROM ARIZONA
By Al Fenn

VETERAN CHARLIE SALAS returned to the ring wars at Phoenix Madison Square Garden, and knocked out Bobby Wright, 153, of Philadelphia in 1:33 of the fourth round. Salas, who said he was going to stick to fighting welterweights, weighed 150.

Only one of Matchmaker Paul Clinite's four bouts went the limit. Tony Montana, 160, Phoenix knocked out Dickie Jones, 154, Klamath Falls, Ore., in two rounds. Nathan Ish, 168, Phoenix, won a unanimous decision over Frankie Payne, 170, Williams Air Force Base, in six. Bobby Ortiz, 152, Avondale, knocked out Milton Jones, 149, in two. Jones is from Phoenix.

▶THIS WAS THE ONLY action in the state, with the exception of the Golden Gloves which was won by the Bud Raimey team of Clifton—their 5th team victory in 7 years—coached by Your's Truly. Champs are Flyweight Pete Bustamente; Bud Rainey's Bantamweight Manuel Elias; Bud Rainey's featherweight Charles Moore; Phoenix lightweight Larry Vasquez; Phoenix welterweight Otho Grimes; Phoenix middleweight Tito Carrillo; Bud Rainey's light-heavy Sam Romero and Bud Rainey's and heavyweight Ted Hutchinson, Phoenix.

The Arizona champs participated in the L. A. Times Tourney, winning the team championship at Hollywood with Elias and Grimes emerging champs.

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BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

LEM MILLER, 145, EXPERIENCED NEW YORK FIGHTER now serving in the Army here, knocked out Johnny Kaheaku, 148½, at 44 seconds of the 4th of a scheduled eight round main event held at the Civic Auditorium.

The first professional fight of the year drew a crowd of 1,248 fans who paid $1,764.75 at the gate. It was the promotion of Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., headed by Sad Sam Ichinose.

The fight proved tame and uninteresting in the first three rounds. Both fighters seemed content trying to outbox each other. However, the nature of the battle changed suddenly in the fourth when Kaheaku made his first real aggressive move by landing a solid overhand right to Miller's face. Apparently infuriated by this blow, Miller retaliated with a right of his own and followed it up with another well timed blow. Down went Kaheaku for an automatic eight count.

When Kaheaku went down the second time from another right and appeared dazed as he came up, his manager jumped into the ring and conceded victory to Miller.

Dan Santiago, 145½, decisioned Dickie Wong, 146½, in the six round semi-final. Lionel Riveira, 125½, knocked out Larry Souza, 126¾, in the first of four. Anacleto Barrad, 152½, won over Fesulai Peapealalo, 153, in four rounds. Dala Canales, 135, TKO'ed Wilfred Tisalona, 131¼, in the first of four. Pio Kaalekahi, 139¼, beat Felix Aciro, 139, in the four round opener.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

Promoter Manny Almeida will stage two TV boxing shows in cooperation with the IBC. These shows will be staged at the Metropolitan Theater in Providence in April. Harold Gomes, New England featherweight champion, will be one of the principals.

Pat Cody and Eddie Richmond, former pugilists, have joined the Providence police force. Benny Delgado, Fox Point welter, is ready for a ring comeback.

Alonzo Johnson, Pittsburgh heavyweight, received much praise from the press after his impressive win over unbeaten and much publicized Solomon McTier, Alabama heavy. Johnson, a former Golden Glove champ, is a stablemate of Bob Baker.

▶R. I. Auditorium: Bob Baker, 211, beat Toxie Hall, 199, in ten. Alonzo Johnson, 185, beat Solomon McTier, 200, in 8.

Dick D'Orsi, 161, beat Rusty Davis, 154, in 6, both Providence lads. George Walker, 138, Providence, scored over Dick Graham, 143, Boston, in 4.

Don Vincent, 143, Providence, K.O. Everett Perry, 140, Gall River, 2. Charlie Lopes, 198, New Bedford, stopped Eddie Camuso, 222, Fall River, in one round.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

Harford, Connecticut State lightweight champion, Steve Ward of Hartford avenged a December set back, by defeating Gene Butler of Boston, in the 10 round feature attraction at Foot Guard Hall. Ward at 138 pounds to Butler's 141, was a tireless, sharp punching fighter, never giving the harder punching Butler a chance to get set. There were no knock downs and there was no doubt that Referee Joe Howard was correct in awarding the duke to Ward.

In the eight round semi-final, Corrado Mancarella, 146, Sicily had to go the full route for the first time in this country, in winning his fourth straight American bout. Silby Ford, 146½, of Brooklyn, in extending Mancarella to the limit, made it a good fight all the way, but Mancarella was just a little too strong in the infighting.

The undercard made up semi-pro bouts was refereed by former boxer George "Red" Doty. 566 fans contributed to a gross of $1,009.00.

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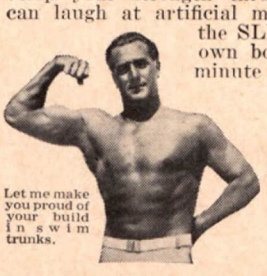

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